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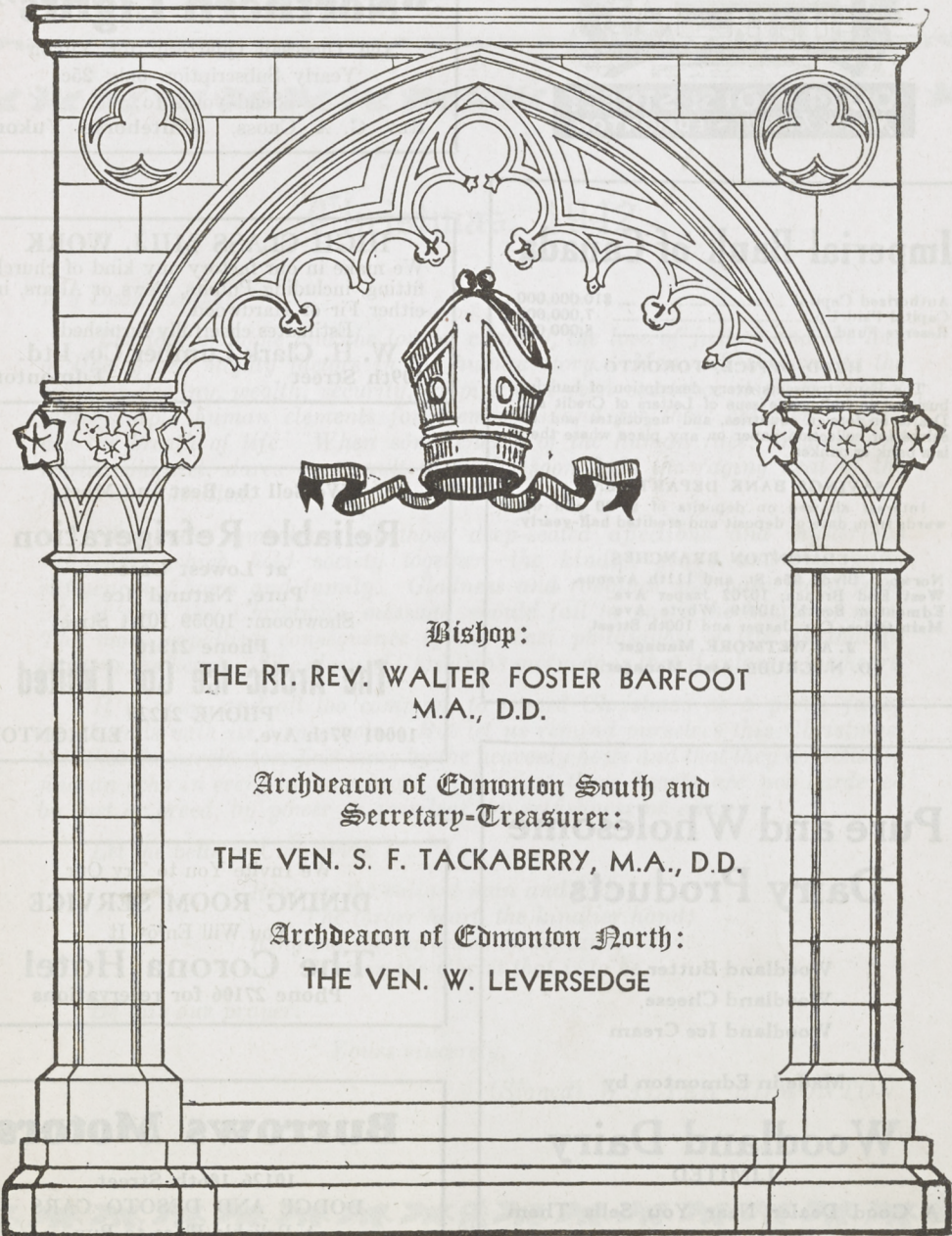
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Christmas, 1942

My Dear People:

The love of home and the love of country, the love of justice and the love of liberty are mighty factors in the human story. Men will throw into the scale of destiny, wealth, security, empire and even existence itself to protect these simple human elements for themselves and for their children. They are the breath of life. When some enemy of the human race, dreaming of world conquest, dares to assault them, he soon feels the raging heat of the fire he had kindled.

Christmas symbolizes all those deep-seated affections and mysterious influences which hold society together—the kindly, gentle and redeeming influences of home and family. Gladness and romance will have faded from life if ever the Christmas message should fail to move the hearts of men. The most appalling consequence of the Nazi philosophy of life is that it hardens the heart. The glory of Christmas morning is that it enlarges the heart.

It is easy, and all too common, to regard Christmas as a pious fancy which ends with its own carols. But let us remind ourselves this Christmas-tide that the carols were first sung by the heavenly hosts and that they do actually find an echo in every human heart as long as those hearts are not hardened by lust or greed, by power or privilege, by selfishness or sin.

Let the bells of Christmas

*Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

Be this our prayer.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) WALTER EDMONTON.

CHURCH MESSENGER

The Sea House,
10416 131st Street, Edmonton,
December 1, 1942.

My dear Friends,

This letter is written to all in the Diocese, may I now say my friends, who have contributed in no small measure to my very happy home coming. I feel so much at home that I can scarcely believe I have left another one. I like your Province and the snow! It would be so much easier and more personal if I had a private broadcasting set of my own and you had the old fashioned ear-phones but, until I can meet you, a letter must do, inadequate as it is.

To those who were unable to be at the receptions, may I say that I stepped into an atmosphere of genuine friendliness and generosity. I am bankrupt with gratitude for your many kindnesses to me.

To the W.A. Executive and members who contributed so generously in the presentation of a beautiful silver entree dish and a purse, and who made me a Diocesan Life member, I say, "A thousand thanks!" As the days and years pass I hope I will prove worthy of your thoughtfulness and that I will merit the confidence which you have placed in me, and that our work will be of mutual benefit.

You have honoured me by asking me to become Patroness. I accept this office and all your expressions of love and kindness as a distinct challenge.

There is every evidence of your co-operation. On my part co-operation will be so to adjust myself as to make it possible for you to work with me.

Soon we will hear Christmas bells. May the Spirit of Christmas bring you Joy, and the New Year give you continued Happiness.

Yours sincerely,

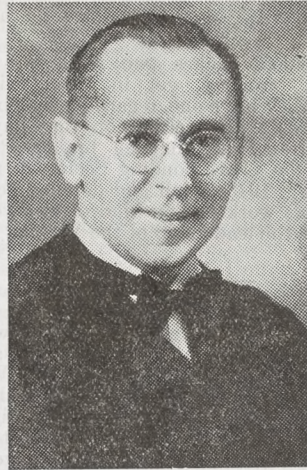
LORENA BARFOOT.



Workers at the former Social Service Rooms



The Rev. Vincent Cole



Rev. F. Baker

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. J. W. Dicker has been appointed to the Wabamun Mission, and will also visit Onoway for the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Rev. Vincent Cole has left Mayerthorpe, and is now ministering to the Parish of Hardisty-Hughenden, and the Parish of Sedgewick-Killam-Louheed.

The Rev. F. Baker is leaving St. Paul's, Jasper Place, to take over the Mayerthorpe Mission.

Diocesan News

EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOARD OF W.A.

The Quarterly Board meeting was held at Holy Trinity on Friday, November 6th, opening with Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. M. Nainby was the Celebrant, assisted by Canon W. H. Hatfield, the Rev. R. S. Faulks and the Rev. L. M. Watts. Mr. Herbert Wild was the organist and a choir of ladies, several of whom were W.A. members, led the singing. Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Barfoot attended the Service during which Rev. W. M. Nainby conferred a Diocesan Life Membership on Mrs. Barfoot, the gift of all W.A. members throughout the Diocese.

Roll call found all city branches represented and several out of town, Tofield, Millet, also all four officers of the Pembina Deanery W.A.

The President extended greetings to Mrs. Barfoot, Miss Lillingston, and congratulations to Mrs. J. Gee—a former Prayer Partner Secretary, who is celebrating her 25th year as Diocesan Life Member, and whose, faithful attendance at Board Meetings is an inspiration to all of us.

The Treasurer's report showed that Pledges sent in quarterly have been a great success. \$1,500 has been saved by the Dominion Treasurer on interest. This has enabled money to be allotted to many worthy objects. \$500 was set aside to be

used as part-salary for a social worker among the women in the Services.

The Educational Secretary said the slides on the study book will be available during March and April. It is expected that every Branch read the book, "Publishers of Peace."

The Dorcas Secretary reported sending nine bales and more to follow. She expressed appreciation for all the sewing done. A smart dress was displayed, the material of which was most appropriate and very reasonable.

The Living Message Secretary asked for an increase in subscriptions and for renewals to be sent in early in December. Very comprehensive and interesting reports were given by Mrs. H. Gutteridge, Mrs. F. A. Garton and Mrs. C. Harris, delegates to the Dominion Annual Meeting held in Winnipeg. These were very well received.

The afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" and prayers taken by the Rev. W. M. Nainby. Mrs. E. Currey, 2nd Vice-President, took the chair and the President invited Mrs. W. F. Barfoot to be Patroness of the Diocesan Board of W.A., and presented her with a lovely silver entree dish, suitably inscribed, also a money gift—the gifts of W.A. members of all branches in the Diocese. Mrs. Barfoot very graciously accepted both the gifts and the invitation, and thanked the members for the reception at the Macdonald Hotel, in October, and for their welcome to her and for the generous gifts, especially the Life Membership

Miss Ruth Carruthers, Dominion Field Secretary, spoke of her joy in "Coming Home to us" and told of her experiences in China. She said the Christian Church has been tested and not found wanting. Fifty thousand Chinese have turned to the Christian Faith. She paid tribute to the Medical Missions which have impressed both Japanese and Chinese.

We who profess and call ourselves Christians are apathetic—our attitude speaks louder than words, and we must become living agents and share the gospel, and pray that we belong to those who give to Missions because of the love of God. The

President thanked Miss Carruthers for her interesting talk.

The President makes two requests: (1) that out-of-town branches, get in touch with their minister, if they have one, regarding the observance of St. Andrew's Day, either on that day or the Sunday nearest. (2) that all branch Presidents send in to the Corresponding Secretary not later than January, 1943, a full and detailed account of all Red Cross work or any kind of war-work done either under the leadership of the W.A. or the local church.

D.L.G.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The Social Service relief work is now in full swing, and the rooms at 11713 93rd St., alongside the Mission House, are quite attractive. We would welcome visitors who are interested in this work, and especially those who assist us by their sewing, knitting, and gifts. We would be glad to receive gifts of clothing at any time, and we would also welcome toys of all kinds for our Christmas parcels. Christmas appeals should be sent in immediately.

The annual Social Service tea, convened by Mrs. L. C. Conn, was held on Friday, 27th November. It was a "Tealess Tea" and much enjoyed by all who came. Owing to the cold weather, and the number of other functions taking place, there was not as large an attendance as in previous years, but the net proceeds of \$50 proved most gratifying, especially as there was no home cooking stall. Our thanks to all who came and contributed.

We welcome the Rev. L. M. Watts as a new member of the Council.

Expansion of the Work of the S.S.J.D.

The Sisters of St. John have been anxious to obtain more accommodation for their work for a long time past. At the last Synod it was agreed that the Diocese should undertake to provide the necessary room, and the figure of \$3,000.00 was suggested as the sum needed for expansion.

The Executive Committee, at a special meeting, agreed to permit the Sisters to occupy part of the downstairs of the Mission House, and the Secretary-Treasurer's office will now be moved to the Board Room.

A.Y.P.A.

Edmonton Diocesan Council News

Under the direction of Captain A. J. Huff, the A.Y.P.A. have undertaken to train for A.R.P. work and most branches have made a good start. The subjects to be studied are: rescue work, fire fighting, gas and decontamination, blackout, and communications.

At an informal dinner on October 21st, several members of the council had an opportunity to meet and talk with Rev. Dr. R. A. Hiltz of Toronto who is in charge of religious education. Later, the organization meeting of the new council executive was held under the direction of the president.

Miss Doris Pallister, vice president of the Diocesan Council, has been appointed, by the Dominion Council, as secretary of the A.Y.P.A. in the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land.

The Annual Public Speaking Contest will be held on December 4th. The subjects to be discussed are: The Church's Responsibility in War-

time, The History of the A.Y.P.A., Look to the Skies, The Moon, What a Clock on Jasper Avenue Sees, and All Aboard.

The three branches, St. Mary's, St. Faith's, and St. Stephen's have joined All Saints' branch and formed a partial amalgamation for this season owing to the lack of membership in the individual branches. They will organize under the name of the Edmonton Central A.Y.P.A., although they will keep their own identity as parish branches and will work in their respective districts.

The installation service of the Diocesan Council was held on November 20th during the evening service at A.. Saints' Church.

St. Peter's and Holy Trinity branches of the A.Y.P.A. have also held their installation services during the past month. The services were followed by a fireside hour in the church hall.

C.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST

During the year the secretary covered 3,050 miles by car, visiting 172 families, finding 47 for Baptism and 35 for Confirmation; enrolling 143 new members in the Sunday School by Post, giving instruction in homes and taking services.

One small child wrote: "Please send me some pictures of Jesus and God, I am going to send the answers into my lessons regularly."

We have been greatly blessed with parcels of pictures, prayer cards and Sunday School stamps coming from England to supply our needs.

We realize how important this work is, as spiritual education of the young is a mother's first and most important responsibility in the home. With the Sunday School lessons, pictures and prayer cards provided the mother is equipped with the necessary material to train her child, especially those families in the outlying districts who are not within reach of the ministrations of the Church, and the child is wholly dependent on the home influence.

When one sees the results of a mother and her three children all studying for confirmation and, while staying the night, seeking for all the help possible, one feels the work is well worth while.

The kindness and hospitality given in visiting cannot be over estimated, which makes the work a joy and pleasure, especially after plodding through mud and over rough roads.

We are very grateful to all kind friends for their prayers and donations of money who make it possible to carry on the work in His name Who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My little ones, ye have done it unto Me."

LILIAN CAMP,
Secretary, Sunday School by Post,
Seba Beach, Alberta.

"ONE THING ONLY"

We all are good folk, honest, kind and generous,
We do our best to follow in Christ's way,
We wonder why His Kingdom comes so slowly
We each, in turn, have many things to say:

"I want to serve You truly but don't ask me
To toil outside my special, chosen sphere.
My home and friends take all my time and effort,
Besides, I find outsiders are so queer."

"Here is my life—except my drinks and smokes,
Lord,
A little thing, when all is said and done.
Why must I worry over good example?
I need some pleasure as life's race is run."

"My purse? You would not ask for full control,
Lord,
When spending money is a joy to me?
Besides, the world would never give me credit
For being generous. Father, don't You see?"

"One thing I can't do—love the folk who snub me;
'Tis really more than human heart can bear.
Please don't suggest I'm failing in a duty,
I do my bit, my full and honest share."

"Give up flirtations? Lord, You cannot mean it
When marriage is so often dull and slow.
I do no harm and if the gossips splutter
It's my concern, I'll have them all to know."

"Surely my tongue is mine! I'd miss the pleasure
Of saying things to put fools in their place.
They need someone like me to shut them up,
Lord,
My pointed wit to clarify each case."

"Some things are much too sacred to be mentioned.
And Lord, You know I'd feel an awful fool
To speak of what You mean, to all and sundry;
Much better just to live the Golden Rule."

"I'm busy working for the good of others,
I seldom have a moment, day by day.
You surely cannot mean my work is useless
Until I learn to meditate and pray?"

Have we a hidden corner, locked and guarded,
Deep down within our inner, secret soul?
Is there a "one thing" that must be relinquished
'Ere Christ can use and make us free and whole?
"P.I.T."

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

REV. CANON A. M. TRENDLELL, Rector

In place of the usual annual Bazaar the W.A. have been holding an Imaginary Bazaar this month. This has the following advantages:

1. You need not go to it.
2. You need not buy anything.
3. You waste neither time, temper, nor money.

The W.A. sent letters of invitation to the Congregation in which they pointed out that at a real Bazaar they would spend—

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| 4. Articles purchased..... | No limit |

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Returns from this Bazaar are as yet not all in, but so far it would seem that the results will, at least, be as good as in recent years, and it brings All Saints' to the point where her support comes almost entirely from direct giving.

Fifty-two people attended Evensong, on the Sunday night of the big snow storm. These included the Peoples' Warden who walked to and from from the South Side, and all are to be congratulated on a really splendid effort.

On the following Sunday night it was noted that included in the congregation were military men from Canada, England, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. As a regular member of the congregation who was born in Russia was also present we were representing at that service almost all the United Nations. Some Japanese students were also present, a sign that the followers of Jesus Christ transcend all national barriers.

I don't know of any other place than a church where it would be possible for all these people to gather in fellowship under one roof at this time of War. It gives added meaning to the Christmas message of "Peace on Earth to men of good-will." And so in spite of War we shall be able to wish each other "Happy Christmas." For as the Prophet Habbakuk reminds us, "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie, though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come."

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

W.A.

The members of the W.A. are planning to hold the Christmas bazaar on Thursday, December 10th, in the parish hall, when we expect to have a good attendance.

Mrs. W. F. Barfoot has promised to be present.

We are serving a bread and butter tea and there will be home cooking and needlework stalls. Also a Christmas tree—we hope.

HOLY TRINITY

THE REV. W. M. NAINBY

The Young Women's Fellowship

Our meeting of November 4th was held in the Rectory and took the form of a Cup and Saucer Shower to replenish the church cupboard, some forty-three being received. We would like to say "thank you" to the Rev. and Mrs. Nainby for their kindness in opening their home for this meeting, thereby helping to make our shower a real success.

Please note our change in name, from "The Young Wives Fellowship" to "The Young Women's Fellowship." We also plan to affiliate with the W.A. early in the New Year, as a separate group from the present W.A. of this church. We hope this will open our meetings to any young women who would like to join an evening group. Our meetings are held in the vestry—every SECOND Wednesday at 8 o'clock, and new members will be made most welcome.

At present we are busy planning for our Bazaar—which we plan to hold jointly with the Girls' Club on the evening of December 4th. We have a nice assortment of stuffed toys, novelties, and hand knits for the children.

Holy Trinity Girls' Club

During the past month, the Girls' Club has been a very busy group of girls. The first Monday in

CHURCH MESSENGER

November we held a regular business meeting in the Vestry of the church to make plans for our annual bazaar which is to be held in the basement of the church on Friday, December 4th.

The following Monday, we had our monthly Bible story with Mrs. Melrose. On the 14th of November we were honored by a visit from Miss Ruth Carruthers, who spoke to us and our few guests of her work and experiences in the Far East. Mrs. G. G. Reynolds kindly invited our group to her home for a social gathering on the 21st of the month, where we spent a very enjoyable evening.

During the past month we also helped to serve at the church supper on Friday the 13th, and have been very busy working for our bazaar. We sincerely trust that our bazaar this year, will be as successful as it has been in the past years.

Choir

The ladies of the choir sang a few selections at the church supper on November 13th, and several members giving one or two numbers.

The choir held a booth at the Annual W.A. Bazaar on November 20th. It was a very successful effort and we would like to thank all those who so kindly patronized our stall.

Our Christmas Cantata "Bethlehem" will be presented at the Evening Service on Sunday, December 21st.

W.A.

Holy Trinity W.A. had a busy and worthwhile month. The Diocesan Board Meeting was held in our church on Friday, November 6th, eighty-five members being present at the Communion Service.

On Friday the 13th we held our parish supper which is always a happy affair, when all members of the congregation have an opportunity of meeting informally together.

On the 20th, our annual bazaar was held. In spite of the snow drifts over \$250 was realized.

Our Social Service Group has been busy getting all the parcels off to the "Overseas" members of our congregation—who now number approximately 200.

A.Y.P.A.

The A.Y.P.A. have been busy getting the parcels away to the boys Overseas. This has now been done and the parcels should be well on the way by now.

The members are now preparing for a Public Speaking contest which is to be held on Friday, December 4th. A Telephone Whist has been planned for the very near future and the proceeds are to be used for making up parcels for boys in the parish who are stationed in Canada.

Junior W.A.

The Junior W.A. meeting was held in the Tower Room of Holy Trinity Church recently and was opened with prayers. Plans were then made to attend a J.W.A. Rally to meet our own Missionary, Miss Ruth Carruthers, who for many years lived at Holy Trinity Rectory. This Rally was well attended and every one spent a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Miss Carruthers spoke to us about her work in India, and afterward let us all see the little dolls she had brought home with her. These dolls were made by a girl of 15 years, very clever work for one so young.

On November 20th we held our Pantry Stall at the Senior W.A. Annual Bazaar, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking every one who helped to make this such a success.

Our next meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on November 25th, in the Tower Room of the church.

Turkey Supper

The turkey supper proved an unqualified success. We expected 300, prepared for at least 400, and fed at least 500. The supper was a joint effort of the W.A., Parish Guild, Mothers' Union and Young Women's Fellowship, and they are to be congratulated upon the success of their work. Although we did not put on the supper in order to raise money we nevertheless made a profit of more than \$150.

Our thanks, also, to those who helped with the concert. It was most enjoyable.

W.A. Active Service Group

The W.A. Active Service Group, meeting at the home of Mrs. May each Thursday reports as follows:

Roll Call of 26. Twelve knit at home and give support to work. Funds are raised through small donations, and a bowl collection at each meeting. 1st year, \$216.98; 2nd year, \$245.23; 3rd year, \$353.66; total \$815.87.

Enlistments from the parish are: 1st year, 64 men; 2nd year, 71 men and 1 woman; 3rd year, 48 men and 11 women.

The Group has sent out to the men of the parish in three years: 578 pairs Socks (also 351 pairs to Red Cross); 227 Sweaters (also 55 sweaters to Red Cross); 128 pairs gloves.

In addition, 15 quilts were donated for England, 44 sets sleepers, 5 pairs pyjamas (8 year old), 5 sweaters and 5 pairs socks (8 year old). During the summer 9 turtle neck sweaters were knit for the Navy Mothers' League. We feel sure that everyone will be proud of this splendid record of work done.

ST. STEPHEN'S

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

Sunday Services: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

Week-day Services: Holy Communion on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Evensong and preparation for Holy Communion, Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

The special event of last month was the Willing Workers Annual Bazaar. Mrs. H. M. E. Evans, who is always a very welcome visitor to St. Stephen's, opened the Bazaar, and at the conclusion of her address was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Carol Horton. The guests were received by Mrs. Matthews and Miss Lillingston. We were very pleased to have Mrs. Barfoot with us. The Bazaar was a wonderful success.

Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Findlay were in charge of the Fancy Work stall; Mrs. T. L. Taylor and Mrs. Forbes had the Apron stall; Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Clark did a great business at the Home Cooking table; Mrs. T. J. Jones handled the White Elephant stall; Mrs. Farquharson was at the Bran Tub. Mrs. Petherbridge and Mrs. R. M. Watson provided the afternoon tea.

In the evening a Whist Drive made a very pleasant social time.

At the monthly meet of the Willing Workers on November 12th Miss Lillingston was elected

Some Lessons of the War

XII.—FAITH AND VICTORY

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

This nineteen-hundred-and-forty-second Year of Grace has been the third year of the world's greatest war. For the fourth time we shall soon be keeping the birthday of the Prince of Peace with the ghastly orgies of modern warfare as the chief mark of its festivities. If we can see any angels, they are clad in robes of black; if we can hear their voices, they are not Hosannas in the Highest, but woes and curses from the depths below. The contrast between the promise of the Kingdom of God on this earth and Christendom's brazen defiance of its laws is so tremendous that, in our desire to justify ourselves, we are driven to search for some soul of good in this evil thing. Have we made any advance towards that victory of righteousness which is our professed aim? We do not ask this question in the military sense, even if an answer were possible at the present stage of the conflict. The ordinary citizen, indeed, who is a layman in military affairs, is placed in an embarrassing position in these days. If he takes a cheerful view of the prospects, he is liable to get a lecture on undue optimism and complacency; if he gives voice to any misgiving, he is apt to be told that he is endangering the war effort of his country.

Our Christian faith, however, enables us to keep clear of this dilemma, and at the same time rise to the highest truth of the situation. We conclude these Lessons of the war with the sign of the cross, which is the true sign of victory. We are upheld in the struggle by that faith in Christ, the eternal King of our nation and of all the nations, which is "the victory that overcometh the world".

We have had both victories and defeats in these past three years; but it lends only greater force to the assurance of our faith if we lay the greater stress on our defeats. We have seen our Empire robbed of some of its most precious possessions; we have seen many of the peaceful citizens of its island home massacred from the air, and many of our most beautiful and most sacred monuments laid in ruins; we have seen the fair land of France, our chief ally when we entered the war, sink in helpless and shameful collapse; we have seen one David after another of the smaller nations struck down by the mailed fist of Goliath; we have seen the Austrian house-painter, Hitler, with his ridiculous moustache, like the little Corsican corporal, Napoleon, nicknamed Puss-in-Boots by giggling girls, move steadily and surely from conquest to conquest. But defeat has not for one moment spelt defeatism. It has only strengthened the people of Great Britain and the Empire in the faith that overcometh, and points to victory. Quislings, and atrocities, and propaganda, have not dimmed the same faith in the hearts of those other nations from which the enemy seems already to have snatched their liberty. In spite of all the horrors of this most horrible of all wars, in spite even of the moral evils that war inevitably brings in its train, mankind has not lost its belief that freedom and righteousness will triumph.

In the broadest human language, we may describe this war as a battle for freedom. After we had recognised the limits of appeasement, the love of freedom was our first positive Lesson of the war; and in one form or another it has reappeared in all that followed. We recalled to begin with, Walt Whitman's lines,—

"When Liberty goes out of a place, it is not the first to go,
Nor the second or third to go,
It waits for all the rest to go—it is the last".

which, being interpreted is, that it never goes. The poem concludes:

"Did we think victory great?
So it is, but now it seems to me, when it cannot be
helped, that defeat is great,
And that death and dismay are great."

Translating the poet's words into Christian language,—now it seems to us that there is no such thing as defeat to those who have faith in the eternal realities of truth and righteousness; and as we hold fast to that faith, dismay and death will lead us on to the victory that overcomes all falsehood and wrong. Freedom and truth have been proclaimed as one from the lips of Him Who is the Truth Himself,—“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

This Matter of Evangelism

J. M. SNOWDON

For several months past, in Comments Original and Otherwise, quotations have been made from addresses made by Archbishops and Bishops in England, on the imperative need for a revival among Church people—both clerical and lay—of that spirit of evangelism, which was such an outstanding feature of the early Apostolic Church. Let me recall some of these utterances.

The late Archbishop Temple, father of the present Archbishop, said that “The first duty of every Christian is to make somebody else Christian.”

Archbishop Lang, now retired, when speaking of a return to God on the part of the nation, expressed the opinion that such a return could not be achieved by the Church as we have known it, but only by a Church that was “afire with the spirit of evangelism.”

The present Archbishop of Canterbury says “England will be converted only when the real Church, the regular Church-going folk, become witnesses, not only to the faithful by their loyalty, but to the indifferent by their testimony . . . May the Holy Spirit once more, like a rushing mighty wind, descend upon the waiting Church, giving it as of old, the gift of utterance.”

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Garbett, on the occasion of his enthronement, said “The Church has frequently failed

to obey the commission to evangelize. Too often it has concentrated all its energy on perfecting its worship or organization. It has forgotten that it must be forever going forth to make converts, and has assumed too easily that its work is in Christian environment”. The Archbishop then went on to stress the importance of the work that could be done in business places, by people who were ready to make use of the opportunities thus afforded.

Dr. Woods, Bishop of Lichfield, addressing the Diocesan Conference, gave it as his opinion that evangelism “is the inescapable responsibility laid upon us all, both by the direct command of our Lord, and by the truly desperate need of the world around us. As I have said again and again, the thing must be done in the main, in the parishes, by the parishes themselves, that is by the rank and file of clergy and laity.”

The Bishop of Worcester wrote quite recently that the problem facing the Church today is “partly a legacy from past failure, and partly the result of our own inadequate spiritual experience of God. Whatever the problem, the task is set. We must either lead the nation back to God, or fail again. By a return to God, I mean something more than just the crowded churches on the national day of prayer. I mean that the

nation must discover again the reality, the power and the love of God in Christ. This will only be possible as the ordinary church folk bear their witness through the whole range of their life, to the Christ they serve."

The Bishop of Rochester, speaking at a Diocesan Conference, asked this question: "To what extent was our spiritual energy, before the war, expended in a serving of tables, at the expense of the purpose of our ordination and confirmation — namely, to be witnesses of the Gospel in the power of the Spirit? And later on in the same address he said: "It was mere sophistry, and a refusal to face facts, to pretend that the baptized did not require conversion. It is sheer nonsense to speak of making England more Christian, unless we mean by the phrase making more English people real Christians."

Bishop Goulding-Bird, Archdeacon of Surrey, in a charge delivered to clergy and churchwardens gave it as his opinion that "The life of a parish is not to be judged by the number of its organizations, nor the multiplicity of its services, but by the capacity of its members to carry their active service for Christ from the altar at which they are communicants, to the people among whom they live and work."

I have no doubt that other Bishops have laid emphasis on this need for real evangelistic effort, but the above are the quotations that I have at hand.

So much for the attitude of the Bishops. I would like to add one more quotation that comes from a London Church paper—The Church Times. No one who has been a reader of that paper's editorial column would think of it as a paper that had any sympathy with what is called emotional religion. Here then is in part what that paper has to say on the subject. The article from which I quote is entitled "The Church and Evangelism." In this article we are told that English people cannot be divided into the devout and the lapsed. In addition to these there are multitudes who are complete strangers to Christ, who have breathed the air of paganism from the cradle upwards. These latter are referred to as congenital unbeliev-

ers. The writer of this editorial says that "At present the Church is quite unprepared to achieve the conversion of these congenital unbelievers who constitute her principle problem. In the first place many of the clergy seem reluctant to face the fact of their existence, preferring to expend their energies on the more plastic material supplied by the souls of children and lapsed adults. This is a policy that suggests either that they are blind to the true character of twentieth century England, or that they are the victims of spiritually cold feet. In any case it must be replaced by a more aggressive spirit." So wrote the editor of The Church Times.

One other illustration. This time it comes not from England but from the Church in the United States. Something more than a year ago the Presiding Bishop, Dr. Tucker, launched an appeal at the General Convention for a ten year campaign of evangelism. It was to be a special effort to get into touch helpfully with the 60 millions of "unchurched" people in that republic. The general title of the effort was Forward in Service. "One or two hundred years from now," says Bishop Tucker, "when the history of our age is being written, I believe the first 40 years of this century will be put down as one of the dark ages of human history." And his appeal is for an earnest effort to do something during the next ten years to bring the influence of Jesus Christ to bear upon the world so as to change the current.

"The Church must go forward, must fulfil the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, and bear witness that Christ is Lord and Saviour. God still works miracles, and we need such miracles today if human society is to be saved."

The Living Church in an editorial comment on this appeal says:

"Christianity is being subjected today to attacks on a truly vast scale. The forces of paganism are everywhere pressing upon her, but the greatest danger to the Church is not from without but from her own 'fifth columnists' within.

"Perhaps the greatest menace to Christianity in this country is that

peculiar creature, the 'nominal Churchman'. He believes in a general way that Christianity is a good thing and he is glad to have the Church in his community. With a fair degree of regularity he attends church on Christmas and Easter and he expects, of course, to have his daughter married by the rector, though probably at home rather than in the church. He also expects the church to stand by and be ready to bury him when he dies, though the amount of his pledge (if any) is hardly adequate to finance even that standing-by process."

That this appeal is being responded to at least in one diocese is evidenced by a diocesan monthly that reached me a few days ago. It was the official paper for the diocese of West Virginia. One half

of the paper is entirely devoted to this Forward in Service Campaign. On the first page is an announcement in block letters that Evangelism is the theme for 1942. The next three pages are made up of articles by the Bishop on the subject of Evangelism, one addressed to the clergy, another to the vestry men, and a third to the people of the diocese. These three appeals are followed on another page by a letter from a layman to laymen, which concludes as follows: "Our Faith and our Church are wonderful goods in stock. We are the salesmen. And somehow I feel that we are poor salesmen, unworthy of our hire, if we never stir up enough enthusiasm for them to get a prospect's name on a contract."

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"Curate"

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

In looking at the M.S.C.C. report for the year 1906, I find that the General Secretary called attention to the fact that Sunday School Offerings for the support of Indian children in Residential Schools had grown from \$2,700 in 1903 to more than \$8,000 in 1906.

Thirty-five years later in the year, 1941, the Sunday School children gave only \$7,021.33.

I hope this does not indicate any decrease in the interest we take in the work among these original inhabitants of our country. Sometimes I have heard men say that if ever it came to a question that we could not adequately support both the White work, and the work among the Indians and Esquimaux, it is the latter that should be abandoned. But we do not need to face that problem. The Church in Canada is quite able to do both. From more than one point of view to withdraw our support from the Indian and Esquimaux would be a distinct betrayal of a trust.

MR. WILLKIE'S SPEECH

Under present circumstances that is a rather delicate subject for a Canadian to discuss. I have no intention of doing so. But I may be permitted to quote what a citizen of the United States has to say about it.

Dorothy Thompson, the well known newspaper writer discusses the speech at length in one of her newspaper articles. Among other things she refers to his statement that India is more an American problem than a British one, and there adds: "What is most disgusting in Mr. Willkie's speech is that it was plainly a political speech, one fears, with an eye on

the 1944 elections, perhaps a manoeuvre to steer away from the President his chief following—the progressive workers and middle classes.

But if the British Empire is to become the chief issue in the forth-coming campaign for American leadership then God help the United Nations."

Thank you Dorothy Thompson. That needed saying and it was well expressed.

BECAUSE HE WILL NOT RETURN

You are sitting in the room he left. The open cupboard shows all his workaday and best clothes hanging cleaned and pressed against his return . . . And now the paper in your hand says he will not return.

If I might do so I would sit in that clean, still, empty room with you. But after that I wish we might leave the empty room and go out where the children play and the birds sing and flowers grow in the sunshine, where they are all alive with the first taste of life.

The paper says that he is dead, but that is not true. The truth is that he will not return. He went adventuring out ahead of us, following the call to give his life—no, not his real life but that part of it which he shared with us here. That part of life he gave wholly and freely, not careless of us but because he was so mindful of us all. So he no longer needs the body we know. It is folded away in mother earth or in the clean salt sea.

His first taste of life, his apprentice work, is over. We had not thought it would be that way. We thought of him as following us in our long monotone of work and care, his vigor

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A Happy and Blessed Christmas

By The Rev. W. E. Lutyens

How are the plum puddings doing? Whenever I go there is a great stirring and mixing. At times I have been asked to give a hand. There is a buzz of great expectations in the air. Hurrah for the plum pudding, dear old plum pudding, how much it means! It certainly means a happy family. Jack will be home from the sea, if possible, Tom home from the barracks, Ted from the Air Force. Molly and Susie will escape from the shop. Father and Mother will be there, perhaps a Grannie in the old arm-chair. All because of the plum pudding. Wonderful thing a plum pudding. Yet it is not the pudding, or the plums, that does it. It is there because so many mouths have to be filled, and we must have some way of expressing our happiness. So the plum pudding. God bless him, man or woman, who invented it. Its history lies buried deep in the past, so that no one can say when it started its merry reign, but the one who first thought of it deserves a monument as much as Christopher Columbus or Dick Whittington. Now I come to think of it, it must be like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin". It had no beginning, it just "grew", and here it is. Anyhow, its message is always the same—"a happy Christmas to you."

Yes, "happy" is the word if we give it its proper meaning—"blessed". Happiness is not enough, it is a light word to express what is meant. Happiness means we lean on things that "hap", that is on chance. It is not good enough, its roots are not deep down—a plum pudding may hap, be a matter of chance. We want something more than that to make a blessed family.

We know full well that Christmas has nothing to do with anything that just "happened". No chance brought the Saviour into the world. He came at the very moment chosen by God as a little child, in order to make all men the children of God, that they might live a life, not merely happy, but blessed.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel"—we could not call God happy—"for He hath visited His people." It is that fact which has given us Christmas, the cakes, the puddings, the crackers, the parties for children, young and old. They are happy things, but are they blessed?

There is but one way to turn our happiness into blessedness, and that is to acknowledge the real source of it all—the Babe of Bethlehem. Bring your happiness to Church on Christmas Day and be blessed. We are a great family. We are all brothers and sisters. There is nothing that hurts so much as the empty chair. Our absence just robs our brothers and sisters of their great joy. It is the oneness of the family that makes Christmas such a happy time in the home; it is the oneness of the bigger family in the Church that adds such a sense of blessedness for us all. There is no blessedness outside the life of God and the life that is God's comes to us through God's appointed ways to make all things blessed.

This brings us up straight to the Christmas Communion. Shall we make no preparation for such a moment? We have spent many hours and much thought to make the day happy, why not take trouble to make it blessed? The Christ Child will be waiting for us at the Altar; come let us adore Him, love Him, make room for Him in our hearts that He may bless us. Do this for the love of God and it shall be so. He will be in the midst of your happiness and make it His own. He loves to



Edith May Channing

do that. We know how He entered into all human happiness and blessed it. He was at the marriage of Cana, He dined with the rich and the poor. He enjoyed the children's games in the streets of Jerusalem. None of these things escaped Him, or were too insignificant for Him to notice. He blessed it all. His presence makes all things what God meant them to be—very good. It is His presence that redeems the changes and chances of today, and gives them the touch of the eternal. So let us begin at the Altar, it is the right end. In the beginning was God, He is also the end of life. Blessed are those who know it and have proved it by their faithful communion in the past.

—The Kingdom.

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like ours slowing down at last to the anxious step of advancing age. We had no adventure, only a steady plodding through many years. But for him a trumpet sounded! We had thought the days of chivalry gone forever, and yet in an hour our plain man went away like a knight to rescue the innocent and the distressed. He has done his devoir and now the trumpets are sounding for him on the other side. He is now wonderfully, tremendously alive.

We taught him the faith of the Everlasting Arms and the Everlasting Life. In that faith he went out, not speaking of it so openly as we do but holding to it and proving it like a man. Now it is our turn to believe that faith as never before and to practice it. He is alive in the paradise of God. What that means passes all imagining, but surely it means that his love for us is illuminated by a great light.

Do you think that delighted and full of wonder as he is, he would want us to sit and mourn with folded hands in his old empty room? To grieve and harden and grow bitter? To turn the room where once he was so gay into a museum and a morgue? No! He wants us to lift up our hearts and catch a glimpse of the vision so clear around him.

Wouldn't he say?—"If you could know what I do now, you would have no grief. You would put on festive clothes and sing to God in church and out. I've been promoted. I am busy in a great service. The old frustrations are all gone. We do great things here. Let someone into my old room. And when you get going in your new happiness, go to other houses where men like me will not return and get the truth across to the people there. Where we are, we can see better how God is working His purpose out. It costs a great price and we have paid a little of it, and you are paying some of it, but it is all marvelously worth while."

—Forward Day by Day.

AN INCIDENT WORTH REMEMBERING

Bishop Johnson, editor of *The Witness*, tells this story. A clergyman who was a chaplain at a university was in the habit of conducting a forum which was very popular, and at which all sorts of questions were asked and discussed. A frequent attendant at the forum was a professor of chemistry who was inclined to sneer at religion. One day the discussion hinged on chemistry and the chaplain made a dogmatic statement which caused the professor to ask what he knew about chemistry, to which he replied, "Just as much as you know about religion. It is true that I never have worked in your laboratory, and it is also true that you never have worked in mine." The professor was a good sport and he asked the chaplain what he must do to work in the laboratory of religion. To which the chaplain replied, "Pray, give and forgive. Love God and your neighbor. Be baptized and confirmed. Partake of the Lord's Supper."

"What," replied the professor, "am I to do these things without greater faith?"

"If you love Christ, do what He told you to do."

Later on the professor said that conviction came to him when he made his first communion.

TAKING A CHURCH PAPER

The editor of *The Canadian Churchman* in a recent issue suggests that diocesan Church Monthlies be discontinued and the necessary material published in the *Churchman* which would then be broadcast throughout the Diocese. A good suggestion. But here I think is a better one. Continue the diocesan paper, but make use of *Church Messenger* as an insert. *Church Messenger* is the only paper published officially, and was started largely in the hope that it could be used as an insert for parish and diocesan magazines.

CANADA'S GREATEST DANGER

A French Canadian addressing a gathering in an Ontario city, expressed the opinion that Canada's greatest danger is the Protestant who discusses the Roman Catholic, and the Roman Catholic who discusses the Protestant, the working man who discusses the capitalist, and the capitalist who calls all labour Communist.

"Are we to build a Canada which is based on internal suspicion and strife, in which no man may greet his neighbour or business acquaintance without suspicion and caution? If so, and we eventually achieve victory at arms, we shall have lost that victory because our days as a nation will have come near to an end."

The speaker might also have included in his list of trouble makers those who try to stir up ill feeling between the two races—English and French—whether the trouble makers are English speaking or French speaking.

The R. A. F. at Bethlehem

(A correspondent of the Church Times wrote the following after a visit to Bethlehem, Christmas Eve, 1941.)

Arrangements had been made by the Padre, with the permission of the C.O., for all officers and men who wished to do so to spend part of Christmas Eve at Bethlehem. More than sixty officers and men took advantage of this opportunity, and we set off in two buses, about 7 p.m., on our thirty-mile journey.

It was a real winter's night, sheets of rain and a cold wind blowing with gale force. Our route took us up into the Judean mountains, through Jerusalem, and past Rachel's tomb and the shepherd's fields, up the steep street of Bethlehem, to the Church of the Nativity. Now and then the moon would try to break through the hurrying clouds, and there was a dim light over the countryside. One pictured the shepherds climbing that same hill on the same errand so long ago.

But what a contrast! On that night Bethlehem neither knew or cared about the Baby who had just been born; tonight, Bethlehem is crowded. One and all are in Bethlehem tonight because some two thousand years ago a Baby whose name is Jesus was born there. "Behold, the world is gone after Him." A magnificent church, looking vast in the darkness, has taken the place of the village inn; and whereas once there was no room for Him there, now there is hardly room for His worshippers in the same place.

The Holy Cave

An English carol service was being held in the chapel of St. George. We went on into the main Church of the Nativity, which belongs to the Greek Church. By the steps which lead down into the cave sat two old Greek monks, receiving with many expressions of gratitude the alms which pilgrims gave them, and handing out small wax tapers. We went down the steps into the cave. It was brilliantly lit and crowded almost entirely with troops.

There, at the foot of the steps, underneath a marble altar slab, was the silver six-pointed star of Bethlehem, marking the birthplace of Jesus; on the other side, down two more steps, was the Chapel of the Manger, a recess in the rock, where Mary laid her first-born Son on that Christmas night so long ago. There was a wonderful hush in the crowded cave. An unceasing stream of sol-

diers came down the steps. They stood and gazed with wrapt and earnest faces, chiefly into the Chapel of the Manger, and passed quietly out again.

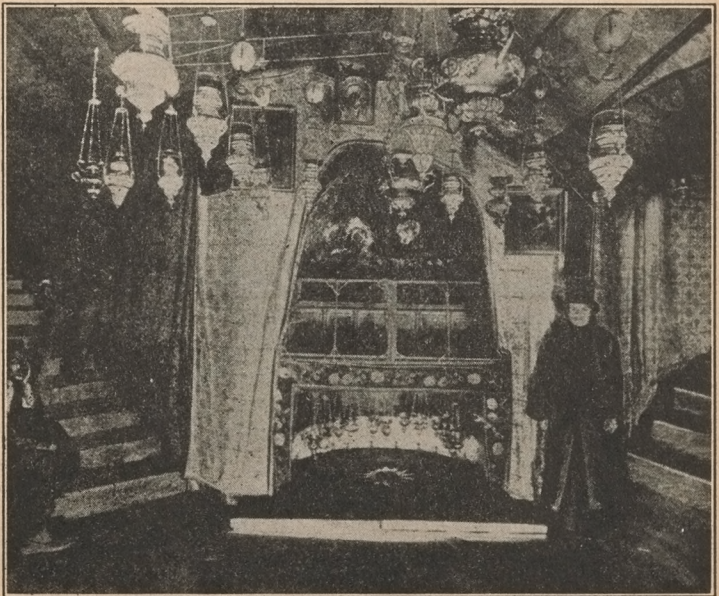
We passed up the steps with the silent crowd, into the dim church, and out into the wet, crowded streets once more, trying to avoid puddles and dodging our way among cars, while the rain poured down and the wind howled. We went up a dark, stone-paved street, the church on one side, old houses and courtyards on the other, and into one of the shops for which Bethlehem is noted, where you can buy lovely things made locally from olive wood and mother-of-pearl.

The Bells Peal Out

The shop, like every other place in Bethlehem, was crowded, although it was eleven o'clock at night. It was gay with silk dresses of brilliant colours, pictures, Bibles and Prayer Books with olive-wood covers, mother-of-pearl ornaments, and many other things. As we wandered round the shop looking at everything, a girl brought us each a glass of wine. Having bought what we wanted, we went down the street and into an Arab café, where a glass of hot tea warmed us after the cold and wet. As we came out, we saw to our joy that the clouds had cleared temporarily and the stars shone down.

Finally, we went back to the church for a last visit; it seemed more crowded than ever. We were drawn again irresistibly to the cave, where we stood and gazed as before and lived the first Christmas over again. Before leaving the church, two of us went and stood by one of the pillars in the great nave of the Greek church to fix an impression of the scene on our minds—the darkened church lit by a few

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The Star indicates the supposed place of Christ's birth.

DECEMBER



6. SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
Nicolas, Bishop of Myra, Circ. 342.
8. Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
11. Accession of King George VI, 1936.
13. THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
14. Birthday of King George VI.
16. O Sapientia.
Ember Day.
18. Ember Day.
19. Ember Day.
20. FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
21. St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY.
26. St. Stephen, Martyr.
27. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
28. Innocent's Day.
29. Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170.

A PRAYER BEFORE AN OPERATION

Our Father, grant us thy peace,
 Thou who dost wait upon us when we are
 restless,
 And who dost grant us courage when we are
 fearful;
 Grant us quietness,
 Grant us confidence,
 Knowing that at this hour and in the days that
 are to follow
 We are in worthy and capable hands.
 Strengthen him who is to operate and those
 who are to serve as nurses;
 We give ourselves into thy sustaining presence;
 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
 From whence cometh my help.
 My help cometh from the Lord,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
 From the strength of the hills we gather
 strength,
 And take unto ourselves their patience;
 As the sheep depend upon the shepherd, so
 will I depend upon thee,
 Now and in the days that are to follow.
 O God, our Father,
 Thou who dost protect us when we are afraid,
 Grant us courage and a quiet mind;
 Thou art my refuge and my fortress,
 In thee do I trust,
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Meditations For The Sick,
 by RUSSELL L. DICKS.

WANDERING THOUGHTS IN PRAYER

The other evening I was reading that most helpful little book "The Meaning of Prayer" by Dr. Fosdick, and I came across this quotation from the diary of Benjamin Jowett, the great Master of Balliol. "Nothing makes one more conscious of poverty and shallowness of character, than difficulty in praying or attending to prayer. Any thoughts about self, thoughts of evil, day dreams, love fancies, easily find an abode in the mind. But the thought of God, and of right and truth will not stay there, except with a very few persons. I fail to understand my own nature in this particular. There is nothing which at a distance I seem to desire more than the knowledge of God, the ideal, the universal; and yet for two minutes I cannot keep my mind upon them. But I read a great work of fiction and can hardly take my mind from it. If I had any real love of God, would not my mind dwell upon Him?"

It was with considerable relief that I read those words. I quote them that they may possibly bring relief to some others who are troubled in the same way.



THE BIBLE

What is there within the Bible? . . . What sort of country is spread before our eyes when we throw the Bible open? . . . It is the Bible itself, it is the straight inexorable logic of its monarch which drives us out beyond ourselves and invites us, without regard to our worthiness or unworthiness, to reach out for the highest answer, in which all is said that can be said, although we can hardly understand and only stammeringly express it. And that answer is: a new world, the world of God.

The Bible gives to every man and to every era such answers to their questions as they deserve. We shall always find in it as much as we seek and no more: high and divine content if it is high and divine content that we seek, transitory and "historical" content, if it is transitory and "historical" content that we seek—nothing whatever, if it is nothing whatever that we seek. The hungry are satisfied by it, and to the satisfied it is surfeiting before they have opened it. The question, What is within the Bible? has a mortifying way of converting itself into the opposing question, Well, what are you looking for, and who are you, pray, who make bold to look?

We live in a sick old world which cries from its soul, out of deepest need: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed! In all men, whoever and wherever and whatever and however they may be, there is a longing for exactly this which is here within the Bible.

—Karl Barth.

Fragrance

By E. R. James

THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE ODOUR OF THE OINTMENT

St. John 12: 3

St. John is a contemplative man and moved by the Holy Spirit he gives this beautiful story that those who have eyes to see may see its loveliness and deeper meaning.

It happened during Passion Week in the home of His beloved friends. "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister and Lazarus." How natural for the Lord to make this home His headquarters. It was a home where love was ever present and He would be surrounded with thoughtful tenderness. Have you memories of such a home? How natural to read:—"They made him a supper there".

Mary with spiritual insight senses that some horror overshadows her Lord. Suddenly she remembers that cruise of spikenard, very costly—bought possibly to anoint the dead body of some beloved relative. She enters the guest chamber where the guests are reclining, feet outwards. She breaks it over the feet of the Lord and wipes His feet with her hair. All saw the act. Only one sees the inward meaning and writes: "The house was filled with the odour of the ointment".

It fills the guest chamber. It goes through the house; down the stairs where the work of preparing is going on; into the very scullery it passes. You see that strong clumsy woman washing the pots and pans. That is her work; she can only do that. She will never be allowed to carry the dishes into the guest chamber. Suddenly she lifts up her head. She takes a deep breath. "What a sweet perfume", she exclaims, "I never smelt anything like it before". She is right.

It was because Mary had broken the vase and poured its contents over the Lord's feet that the poor scullery maid is thrilled with the odour of the ointment. Its sweetness enters her very soul. She will never forget it. That is the gift of fragrance—unforgetfulness.

What does your maid think of you? Is your sweetness, culture and refinement only kept for the drawing room and church circles? If so, she smells your pride, your selfishness and your thoughtlessness.

What do the men in your office think of you? Do they smell your hardness, meanness and slave driving spirit? The odour thereof is not sweet. One thing you may be sure

of—they will never go to your Church. Can you blame them?

Once more, look at that alabaster vase. It is the work of a skilled craftsman. An artist has thrown his whole soul into it. Its curves satisfy his eye for beauty. It is his very best work. It must be for it is to contain ointment, very costly, very precious.

In this Gospel the beloved disciple tells us of the alabaster vase, the human body of the Lord Jesus. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us . . . and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth". It was a perfect human Body to receive the divine ointment of God, very costly, very precious. "A body hast thou prepared me."

Just as Mary broke the vase gladly, lavishly pouring out its contents so the Lord breaks His Body and pours out His Life. "This is my Body which is broken for you". The beloved disciple omits the institution of the Holy Communion in that Upper Room. With mystic insight he writes this story and comments:—"The house was filled with the odour of the ointment". Only those who are able to see the pricelessness of His sacrifice—the perfect Body and perfect Life poured out for the sins of the whole world—have discovered the sweetness of the sacrifice. "The house was



filled with the odour of the ointment”.

“This do in remembrance of me”, He says. Do you break your body, filled with the ointment of the risen Christ? Then you will make very fragrant the home you live in.

When you take a gift of self-sacrificing love to some lonely soul, lo! that cottage in the back street, that upper room in the tenement house is filled with the odour of the ointment. This is the Christmas secret of true happiness.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.



RECENT SAYINGS AND DOINGS

The mysteries of Nature: “Since the black-out started my husband says he can never find his way home unless there is a bright moon. And the moon seems to become bright only after he has spent all his pay.”—Wife at a North London court.

Sergeant Keith Elliott of New Zealand was awarded the Victoria Cross because in the July fighting around El Alamein at the head of seven men he silenced three machine gun nests and captured 130 prisoners.

On the day he received the V.C. in a desert ceremony, an Express reporter sought out his sister, Miss Lorna Elliott, who works in Stevenage, Herts. What did she have to say about Sgt. Keith Elliott, V.C.? “‘Sammy’ must have fought against the enemy as he used to fight against me years ago when I tried to wash his neck. That’s why I call him Sammy. He would never wash his neck or behind his ears, and I used to tease him by calling him ‘Sam, Sam, the dirty old man.’ He used to tell me then that having a clean neck didn’t make you a man. Well, he has proved himself a man—and I bet he has a dirty neck.”

The crew of the aircraft in which Mr. Churchill made his trip to Moscow was made up of two Americans, three Canadians, and two members of the R.A.F.

An Australian Prime Minister is quoted as having said: “This is the message for humanity milling round like frightened sheep without a shepherd. The Man of Galilee is and remains our one and only Leader.” Today more than ever the world needs the Gospel of Christ, not only that individual souls may win salvation, but that the shattered fragments of the human community may be drawn together again according to a wiser plan. To fulfil her mission the Church needs a band of men and women whose faith in her ancient creed is unshakable, and who are fired by its message to play their part in building the new world.

—Church Times.



There has been an increase of 36% in the Church collections of the 16 leading Protestant bodies in the U.S.A. during the past year, but this is a decrease of 30% from the peak year of 1927. Per capita giving has dropped from \$23 to \$17 in 18 years but the automobile and movie industries have doubled their receipts.

—From Time.

“This England”, by the Rev’d. Canon J. E. Ward, Toronto, Longman’s Green & Co., Cloth, 48 pages, Price \$1.00.

This little volume from the pen of Canon Ward is not only a valuable addition to the first rank of Canadian poetry but, we doubt not, will be welcomed with enthusiasm by that large constituency both in Canada and the U.S.A. who listen in to his broadcasts from St. Stephen’s Church every Sunday evening.

The theme of the main poem, “This England”, is particularly opportune at a time when all eyes are turned toward the old homeland.

“This fortress built by Nature for herself

Against infection and the hand of war.”

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GOOD NEWS

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One Hundred Years Ago

Three Rivers Theological Institution: The Bishop to the S.P.G., Quebec, 24 Dec., 1842:—In the case of the four students, Messrs. Forest, Bourne, Simpson and Young, who have been enjoying the allowance of £50 annually from the Society's grant to the Diocese, that sum has proved insufficient. Three pupils have moved elsewhere, Mr. Forest to go to live with his father at St. John, Mr. Bourne to go to live with his brother at Rawdon, Mr. Young, whose father lives here, is reading with the Rev. H. D. Sewell. Mr. Simpson was able to maintain himself (at Three Rivers) by private tuition. And yet all these young men are of good promise. . . . The Rev. S. S. Wood of Three Rivers has given up the charge, the three pupils having moved away. (S.P.S. Letters)

Kingsey, Canada East. Journal of the Rev. R. Lonsdell for 1842 (extracts). Feb. 1st. Divine Service in front of Kingsey and in the afternoon at the new Church in Durham. Snowstorms so violent did not reach home 'till nine o'clock. 2nd—Called on an old man nine miles away. He received the Sacrament previous to his death. I spoke to the assembled people. Attempted to return but had to give up, my horse having fallen in the drifts. 14th—Drove to the back of Shipton, got into drift, unharnessed my horse. A man came to look for me. Reached my evening appointment. An attentive congregation, chiefly Irish. One man snatched up my bag and gown to ensure my remaining at his house for the night. Went to Tingwick and drove 20 miles. Roads almost impassable. Went 12 miles to administer Sacrament to a poor woman. 120 miles travelled during week ending Feb. 27th. At back of Shipton. 50 persons present. The prevalent fanaticism can by God's blessing be counteracted by nothing but the wholesome doctrines of the Church. Mar. 8—Rode through woods to settlement near Ham. Returned through forest by moonlight. Apr. 18—To back part of Shipton on foot in rain and snow. Oct. 5—To S. end of Shipton near Windsor by a pathway through forest resembling a sheep track. All the people collected. Short service. All delighted with my visit. . . . Heathenish darkness exists in many parts of scattered settlements. (S.P.G. Reports)

Montreal, St. Mary's. The Rev. Jas. Ramsay, Chaplain to the Forces, is serving St. Mary's Chapel. (The Church, 23rd Dec., 1842).

Canada West. Extracts from Bishop Strachan's Journal of Visitation, 1842. **Adelaide.** The Church was consecrated on Sept. 17th, the Rev. Dominic Blake in charge. **St. Thomas.** Visit to the Hon. Col. Talbot 12 miles distant. The Colonel superintended the settlement of this section of the province and now beholds 50,000 inhabitants in the district committed to his charge which was one dense forest. At **Dunwich** I consecrated the Burial

Ground Sept. 21st. The Rev. Mark Burnham holds an afternoon service in the Church they have erected, but it is desirable to transfer his afternoon labour to **Port Stanley** where a population is growing up. The clergyman to be settled in **Dunwich** will visit the western shore of Lake Erie (Oxford, Howard, Raleigh and Harwich now being settled by the young men of **Dunwich** congregation). At **Richmond** in Bayhum the Rev. Jas. Stewart, supported by the Fund of the Bishop Stewart Mission, has only been in charge for a few months and holds service in a school house. 50 were confirmed. 22nd Sept. At **Woodhouse**—the locality of the Church is an inconvenience. **Brantford.** Sept. 23rd. A handsome Church has been completed and another is in contemplation at **Mount Pleasant**, 5 miles distant. We met the Rev. Abraham Nelles and the Rev. Adam Elliott at the Mohawk Parsonage. 49 Indians confirmed. A school for Indians and annexed to it an institute for instructing Indians in practical arts. This mission is indebted to the New England Co. of London for the brick parsonage. At Mr. Elliott's **Tuscarora** Mission there are several Negro families. At **Paris** there is a neat stone Church overlooking the Grand River. At **Burford**, Rev. Geo. Petrie in charge but not resident, it is likely that a Church will be built with a resident clergyman. **Galt**, Sept. 27th. With the aid of Hon. Wm. Dickson and Absalom Shade Esq. and the English Societies. A handsome stone Church has been built but not quite finished. The Rev. M. Boomer, missionary. The township is chiefly inhabited by Presbyterians. **Guelph** is now the district town of the Wellington district newly formed, and the first town commenced by the Canada Land Co. An exclusively British town. **Dundas** has a Church built in the modern gothic style. At **Binbrook** the first confirmation took place on Oct. 1st in the Church built by Sir James Leith, his son and friends in Scotland. His son built a house which he intends to give as a Parsonage for Mr. Flanagan. **Hamilton.** Oct. 2nd. Few places in North America that have increased more rapidly. The large Church, through the exertion of the Rev. J. G. Geddes, was now finished and was consecrated. We embarked on the steamboat *Britannia* at 7 a.m. and reached Toronto at midday. (From Journal Published by S.P.G.)

Bishop Strachan's Correspondence. Dec., 1842. To S.P.G. recommending grant to the Church at **Bellamyville** and at the Toll-Gate near Toronto (St. Paul's). To Rev. Jas. Stewart. Mr. Reed has just gone to take possession of **Port Burwell**. To Judge Arnold of **Woodstock** concerning Major Beal's memorial. It is not the province of any parish to interfere between the Bishop and a Presbyterian in matters of Church discipline. To the Rev. — regrets to hear of the great lack of

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News Across the World

Hats Off to 'Our Ladies'

In a recent letter Archdeacon Andrew speaks of the untiring work of the W.A. missionaries at Chengchow, Loyang and Hsincheng. He illustrates with the story of one of Miss Gibberd's (Hsincheng) experiences. The General down in her small city kept 'Allies' Day', June 14th. Miss Gibberd was asked to be one of the speakers at the great rally and to represent Great Britain. As the officer was a Christian she was also asked to conclude her address with prayer for the cause. When Sunday came, about 6 a.m. a fine horse was sent to her upon which she rode out the few miles to the grounds. There she reviewed the troops on horseback, along with the General and his officers, and then took her place on the platform and addressed the large assembly. Later she had breakfast with the officers, spent the rest of the day with their wives, and returned home in the cool of the evening on her charger from what evidently was a worthwhile day.

Practical Evidence of Christian Fellowship

In order to help maintain the vital parts of the Christian work carried on by the Orphaned Missions of the Churches of Continental Europe the Churches of Canada have given, during the first eight months of 1942, \$14,688. Of this amount the Church of England in Canada has contributed \$1,200. On January 31, 1943, another opportunity will be given throughout the Church of England in Canada, for its members to give further evidence of this spirit of the Good Samaritan, by contributing for the relief of the Orphaned Missions.

Kangra Girls' School (India)

Until recently the Kangra Girls' School provided only primary and middle school facilities for education, but now high school classes have been added, for which Government recognition is being sought. This marks a definite advance in the educational facilities of our Mission in the District of Kangra.

The Canadian Church Calendar 1943

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Salads Beyond the Arctic Circle

Missionaries writing at the end of August from Aklavik, N.W.T., 120 miles north of the Arctic Circle, were most enthusiastic about the success of their gardens. Tomatoes were ripening on the vines, flowers were blossoming profusely, and staple vegetables would be stored for winter use. The overworked can opener was having a rest.

Dr. John R. Mott, an outstanding missionary statesman and religious leader of today, has been speaking in nine cities of the Maritimes. Knowing the facts of world conditions as few do, and facing them honestly, Dr. Mott's outlook on the World-wide Church is one of well-founded optimism. He gives six reasons for the hope that is in him:—

1. That discerning people the world over are alarmed by world events, and are alert—a hopeful sign.
2. The enormous spiritual resources of the Allied Nations had hardly been brought into play.
3. The present day evidences of Christianity, especially in the countries under aggression.
4. The manifestation of the spirit of the Good Samaritan all over the world.
5. The attitude of the present generation.
6. The drawing together of Christians all across the world.

In speaking of Russia, Dr. Mott urged that

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Lepers cared for by the Rhenish Mission in China. One of the many orphaned missions which has received aid through this fund.

R.A.F. AT BETHLEHEM

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lamps, the great pillars of the nave dimly seen, little pin-points of light everywhere as the crowds, dark figures, moved here and there carrying their lighted tapers; above all, there was the overwhelming sensation of being in Bethlehem on Christmas night, in the very place where He was born. We went out, stooping under the low doorway into the open-air. It was midnight, and all the bells of Bethlehem were pealing out.

The bus started home, and with one accord the men began to sing the old carols and hymns. We did not reach our station till 2.30 a.m., owing to the heavy rain. Immediately we reached home, some of us assembled in the Station Church for our Christmas Communion. We sang "O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem". What vivid meaning the words had for us, for we had been there and worshipped.



DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

What is spoken of as being the most hopeful movement for capturing the religious imagination of boys which the Canadian Church has seen in recent years is being inaugurated by the Bishop by means of Summer Camps and Winter Week-ends, held under the auspices of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

The inaugural camp was held at a country Parsonage this last summer and the "follow-up" is taking the form of Week-ends now being held at Cookshire and Shawinigan, both of which will come to a climax by a solemn Confirmation Service. This is a distinctively Church of England enterprise consisting of Boy Scout technique but substituting Church of England loyalty, as its core, instead of Boy Scouting.

Bishopthorpe, the episcopal palace at Quebec, is being put to a new use for the winter. The Bishop has invited three young clergymen to live with him and, while supervising their theological training during the week, is employing them as travelling missionaries for scattered settlements of the Quebec district. The St. Lawrence River missions, the Chaudiere Valley district and the Upper Saguenay district will all be served in this way.

Practical co-operation between the clergy of the Church of England and of the United Church in aiding public school teachers instruct their classes in the new Bible Courses recently prescribed by the Provincial Educational Authorities has been approved by the Bishop at a conference over which he presided, attended by clergymen of the two Churches, recently held at Lennoxville. The Course is entirely the work of the Education Dept. and was inaugurated by them, but it is felt that teachers would welcome the help of ordained ministers in teaching some of the subjects. One of them is the Book of Job.

In a circular recently addressed to the members of his clergy, the Bishop carefully dealt with the problems presented by marriage laws and also by the mixed conviction of

many of the congregations to which clergymen have to minister. United Church ministers are not numerous enough in Eastern Quebec to follow their members throughout the vast area of the Diocese of Quebec. While enjoining obedience to the rules of the Church, the Bishop has instructed the members of the clergy to submit exceptional cases to him for final decision.



DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA

A meeting of the Cape Breton Deanery was held recently at Sydney Mines. Holy Communion was celebrated in Trinity Church at 8 a.m. by Rev. Rural Dean F. R. Holborow. Rev. G. T. Spriggs gave the Ad Clerum address. Rev. Canon J. Crewe conducted the study of Greek Testament. Rev. Canon A. E. Andrew gave a paper on the subject of "Revision of the Book of Common Prayer".

Rev. C. K. Whalley was appointed Editor, and Rev. J. Stead was appointed Business Manager of the Cape Breton Deanery Magazine; the first issue of which it was expected would be off the press by January, 1943. The various Parishes are asked to support this new venture wholeheartedly. The yearly subscription will be 50 cents.



HERE'S AN IDEA

A Church paper recently publicized the idea of showing moving pictures before the opening of Sunday School and reported that one Methodist Church increased its attendance tremendously by so doing.

Church Messenger would question the wisdom of such a move if the motive were only to get the pupils to Sunday School. No doubt those who came learned from the pictures and there can be no doubt about the advantage of this means of visual education, especially if the subject shown is akin to or illustrates the Lesson taught that day.

Your Church was alive to these possibilities and has through the Lantern Department of the G.B.R.E. made available a number of silent films for illustration purposes in teaching.

A new catalogue is being printed and will be sent to the clergy. Any other worker desiring one will receive it free on application.



A PRAYER

The following beautiful prayer was used by Venerable A. P. Gower-Rees, Rector of St. George's Church, Montreal, in a broadcast over C.B.C. on Sunday, October 11th.

O Lord, forgive what we have been, sanctify what we are, and order what we shall be.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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interest in the Church at Richmond which may lead to the removal of the Missionary. To the Rev. — — — a warning. Complaints are speaking unintelligibly and never visiting the people. (Ont. Archives, Strachan Papers.)



Home Horizons

By Charity Mauger

"Stir-up Sunday" has come and those who have not already done so will be twisting and turning the traditional Christmas recipes and adapting what they can get for what is suggested. There will be some suet and there are some excellent raisins for which we should think gratefully of our Australian cousins, and the wise have no doubt laid by a little peel, a few prunes, some of those good cherries which we now produce in Canada. There are quantities of carrots and potatoes, so none need go without a Christmas pudding at any rate. It seems far better to make the effort and keep up the festivity, as the outward and visible sign of the real festival.

The children will gladly make sacrifices, but need not be expected to forego the joy of gifts. A child so often loves best the smallest and least expensive of toys, and ingenuity should devise playthings that do not require essential war materials. Canadians are supposed to be resourceful, and here is the opportunity to display their talent.

The Christmas season should be an excellent time to dwell on the sort of peacetime Christmas we would like to achieve for ourselves, our own land and all the other lands where now there is only horror unmitigated by any ray of hope. Let us give serious constructive and resolute thinking to that peacetime world.

Salvage Effort Largely Lost

It is to be hoped that few villages have as sad a salvage story as ours. In the first place it took a very long time to work up any genuine interest in the saving of paper of all sorts, scrap metal and rubber. But last spring one of our summer population who is much a part of all local efforts, offered to take care of our summer salvage. There was no rival claimant, only invitations to come along and collect odds and ends of junk, often from persons with cars and facilities to deliver the salvage themselves to the small shop which had been secured on the main street.

All during early summer our salvage convener gave

her time and gasoline and her husband's week-ends and their hard physical labour handling unpleasant articles. One lot was disposed of, and the collection went steadily on for still another consignment. By that time the villagers were beginning to be salvage-conscious, and papers, cartons, odds and ends of rubber, milk bottle tops, etc., were saved and even taken to the shop. At the same time some of the cottagers found the salvage centre an excellent place to dump old tin cans which were quite useless. Occasionally the odd small boy would help to cut and fold the cartons, tie up bundles of newspapers and so on, but in the main the work was done by the convener and her husband.

Then came the blow. When a dealer arrived to go over the stock he would not touch the cardboard, corrugated cartons or newspapers. The load he took was little more than enough to pay his expenses, and there was left behind a room well filled with papers, bottles, etc., which the owner and the neighbours united in demanding should be emptied at once because of the fire hazard. To do that meant spending the profits of the sale, for no one would take, voluntarily, the laboriously accumulated paper products. In the end the shop was left with its surplus stock, and thus it stands. Perhaps the market for such wares will reopen.

It was a sad and disappointing experience. But the saddest thing of all was that our village folk, who had so gradually become conscious of the need of saving every least thing of any worth, are now burning and destroying freely papers and precious cartons. It is all very wrong, a wrong which must be laid at the door of some short-sighted person in unaccustomed authority.

Sisterhood Shines Brightly

Now that the season has once more arrived when our village is deserted we turn to those who come to our own fireside for news of the world, for opinions and beliefs, against which to measure or sharpen our own opinions and beliefs. We



have just had two Sisters of the only Canadian-born Sisterhood of our own Church with us; and no one could hope for more delightful companionship. It is a thousand pities that many of those prejudiced by an utter lack of knowledge and understanding of the work and lives of the members of such a religious body could not meet them under similarly informal conditions as ours.

The Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine came into being more than sixty years ago. The Foundress was a Canadian, a widow, who, after her husband's death decided to enter a Sisterhood in England. Some influential church people in Canada, however, having come to realize the value of such a body, waited on Mrs. Coombes and asked her to prepare herself for the founding of a religious community for women in this country. It was thought wise that she should receive her training on this continent, so she went to Peekskill, N.Y., to the convent of the Sisters of St. Mary, as a novice. Not until she was ready to be professed was the high purpose for which she was being trained revealed.

During the Riel rebellion the small band of Sisters the Mother Foundress had gathered, went into active service and are recorded as the first military nursing unit in Canada. They went to Moose Jaw where there was a barracks and opened their headquarters. At the barracks the men sat in a room lined with tar paper, the only relief in colour being a large sign "no smoking". With tables from packing cases, chairs from barrels, reading matter and tobacco, the Sisters' recreation room was the brightest spot in the lives of the troops of the defenders.

Slowly and solidly the Order has grown and extended over Canada. There is a small school in Regina, and a small hospital for miners in Springhill, Nova Scotia, and other pieces of work between. A few years ago the first general Convalescent Hospital in Canada was opened in Newtonbrook, Ontario. As yet they can take only sixty-odd patients, and can never satisfy the demand for beds. At the same time the staff necessary for the private and ward duty could serve a larger community of convalescents, but the times will not permit expansion. There is no desire to have a huge "plant", but sufficient small units to serve the great need for this type of curative work.

Supreme head of the Convalescent Hospital is Sister Beatrice, acknowledged one of the best surgical nurses in Canada. Sister Beatrice has many ideas and hopes for the treatment of convalescents, with sunlight and work in the soil as important adjuncts to any treatment.

The present Superior of the Order is the niece of the Mother Foundress. Women of the old land as well as this, some of them formerly of other faiths, have found their vocation, welded themselves into a community for service in the highest sense, practised their vocation diligently and are happy. Their gaiety is apparent and spontaneous, yet it is not based on a deliberate shutting of them-

selves away from existing evils and consequent miseries. One can talk to them as intelligent, wise women, and envy them their vocation.

Chicory's Other End

Do you know that beautiful blue blossom that grows in great profusion in the fields and by the waysides and is known as chicory? The lovely blue petals have always made a personal appeal for their dyeing propensities; they turn the wool into the same heavenly shade as themselves. But now we are learning that the other end of chicory can be a great boon to a troubled world. We are told that the root of the common Canadian chicory when dried and ground, produces that black, rather sticky, substance that has been used for years as a companion piece to coffee. We have for years had a little chicory on hand to intensify the colour and flavour of coffee beans which may not have been roasted as dark as we would like, or a blend that was too mellow for the sophisticated drinker. Now, from being an accessory, chicory has become an essential to increase the spread and usefulness of a brew of coffee. It can be mixed with the coffee in the can, or, more effectively, a pinch can be added to the brew.

Neither White Nor Black—But "Citizens"

A New Zealand Maori who is in Canada doing a special war job involving specialized knowledge and skill, talked to a fellow countryman whom he found in Canada as no doubt he would not have done to a Canadian. He declared himself shocked at the status of the original inhabitants of this country—the Indians—as compared with the native race in his dominion. It showed him perhaps more clearly than ever before, the unbounded possibilities for the welfare of all as exemplified in the combined efforts of the two races in his own country.

"I'm very glad indeed that Captain Cooke came to us,—even if we did eat a few of his party," was the final verdict of this splendid young British citizen from "down under."



NEWS ACROSS THE WORLD

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more and more help be given her. The Russian people are a large hearted people, and basically religious. They will never forget what we do for them. Russia has lost seven million men, killed, wounded and prisoner. We must see to it that that sacrifice is not in vain. "We must try to understand Russia. But most of all we must believe in Russia," said Dr. Mott. "No land more than Russia holds the fate of the coming years."—Not only the fate of the coming years, but the fate even of the coming days."

Growth

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President. Our former President, Mrs. Pridmore, wished to give up this office, much to everyone's regret. She has been an excellent president and continues to be one of our members.

The W.W. are sponsoring a Whist Drive to be held on December 9th.

On the 20th of last month Mrs. Walsh gave an afternoon tea in honour of Mrs. Findlay, who is leaving us shortly to make her home on Vancouver Island. Mrs. Findlay has been connected with St. Stephen's for some eighteen years. We shall miss her very much. The ladies presented her with a Prayer Book.

Guides: Mrs. Allen has been made a Commissioner and St. Stephen's Guides and all of us wish to offer our congratulations.

The Company has done splendidly with Mrs. Allen as Guider. For the present Mrs. Foster is carrying on with the girls.

Sunday School: The scholars and others are rehearsing for a presentation of the Bethlehem tableaux. It is hoped to present this on the Sunday before Christmas Day.

It was a great pleasure to have Archdeacon Tackaberry to preach the sermon at Evensong on the 22nd.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

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THE REV. W. DE V. A. HUNT

As Christmas approaches we become more conscious than ever of the fearful gap between the world as God would have it and the world as man has made it. We long for peace on earth: yet we can only have real peace by fighting. As soldiers of Christ we must fight and overcome spiritual evil within and without before we can hope for any lasting peace. So by way of a Christmas greeting I say to you, my friends, "fight the good fight of faith" since "nothing matters now but (the spiritual) victory." Peace, without a spiritual victory, would not be the peace of Christmas, because the peace promised at the first Christmas was "among men in whom God is well pleased." (R.V.)

The Christmas Services will be as follows, God willing:

December 24th—Choral Eucharist, 11.15 p.m.

December 25th—Holy Communion, 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m.

December 27th—Carol Service, 7.30 p.m.

We are very glad to be able to report that the Apportionment and Pension Premium Fund have been paid in full for the year 1942. Considering how adversely Jasper has been affected by the war through a lack of tourists we are fortunate in being able to meet our obligations. As it is most unlikely that conditions here will improve until this war is over and the tourist traffic returns to normal we must make another mighty effort next year in order "to keep the pot boiling."

During October the W.A. members served a most excellent Harvest Supper in the parish hall. So favorable were many of the comments heard during the supper and afterwards that the ladies may well be proud of their achievement in the face of many war-time difficulties. The supper resulted in a clear gain of rather more than twenty-eight dollars.

The Remembrance Day Service was held in St. Mary's Church on November 11th. The personnel of the Eighth Canadian Division G.H.Q. paraded to church and occupied almost one side of the nave. The Veterans paraded and placed a wreath on the Altar in memory of their departed comrades. The lesson was read by the G.O.C., Col. Westmoreland. The address was given by the Rev. D. N. McInnes, the Minister of the United Church; while the service was conducted by the Vicar. After the two minutes silence the "Last Post" was sounded by Mrs. Heckly, on the organ. The effect was extraordinarily realistic and, in the true sense of the word, thrilling. After the address the Choir sang, with much feeling, the Anthem "Who are these that are arrayed in white robes." During the singing of the hymn "O valiant hearts" wreaths from many lodges and societies were handed to the Vicar to be placed on and about the Altar. So large was the congregation on this occasion that many had to stand throughout the service.

The Remembrance Day parade was the last church parade of the Eighth Division in Jasper. We were sorry to see the Army leave. Their loss is one that will be felt by church and town alike.

On All Saints' Day we were fortunate in having as a visitor to Jasper the former Rector of Terrace, B.C., the Rev. Arthur Hinchcliffe. Mr. Hinchcliffe very kindly officiated and preached at Evensong. After leaving Jasper Mr. Hinchcliffe had quite an adventurous journey to his new parish at Dawson Creek, B.C. He was racing against time to get across the Athabasca and Smoky Rivers before freeze-up. It was a long, cold and wearying drive.

The sympathy of this parish goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell and to Doreen during this time of anxiety and uncertainty concerning the fate of Jimmy Maxwell who was reported as missing during air operations some weeks ago.

The Sunday School Christmas Concert and Play will be held, God willing, on Tuesday, December 29th, in the Parish Hall.

THE ONOWAY MISSION

MISS BARBARA ONIONS

Owing to the inclement weather the country Services have been somewhat disorganized during November. But, though I started out for Rich Valley on Sunday, November 22nd, a little dubious about the state of the roads my fears were quite unfounded as the only time my shovel was used was when Mr. Carr cleared a place outside the church in which to turn the car around. However, all our roads are not quite as good as that and Calahoo will have to be reached by horse or train for a while.

Rehearsals are now under way for the Nativity Pageant to be held in the Onoway Community Hall on Sunday, December 20th, at 8 p.m.

St. John's W.A.

This Branch was well represented at the Diocesan Board Meeting as four members were able to attend. It was a great pleasure for us to meet Mrs. Barfoot and we hope that the time is not too far distant when we shall be privileged to welcome her in the Onoway Mission.

At our November meeting we discussed the matter of "Letters to the men in the Forces," and a committee was formed comprising Mrs. Dales, Esther Turnbull and Miss Onions, to look after this. When you next visit the Vicarage you will

see a little box marked "Stamps for Service men," and we want pennies for this, please! The number of those who have already volunteered to undertake the letter writing is almost sufficient, but we want everyone throughout the Mission to share in the postage expense so as to make it a real family affair.

Rich Valley

The W.A. held a successful Rummage Sale at the end of October to raise money for our church fund. We are planning to have another sale early in the New Year, and if anyone reading this has any old clothes (not too old!) or household effects to spare they will be very gratefully received.

WESTLOCK

THE REV. JOHN H. LOW, Vicar

The St. Philip's Guild held its annual sale of Work in November and was marvelously successful, clearing over \$110. There are very few members left in Westlock and they should be proud of the results of their efforts. For weeks before the event several members used every spare minute for needlework and such devotion to the Guild's work is highly appreciated. The parish has worthily met its commitments this year and one is inspired by the work of so few bringing so much. We hope to start 1943 free of debt and be able to keep up the work on the basis of direct giving.

It may seem questionable that the report of our parish progress should start with its financial achievements, but we do know that when loyal people take their share and accumulated debts are shed, the whole spiritual atmosphere improves.

On Friday evening, November 27th, a meeting will hear Dr. Harding Priest. Afterwards there will be inaugurated a series of Bible study services, to be held twice monthly. This is in response to a request from the congregation and it is hoped that a good number will take advantage of this opportunity.

Services will be, in future, at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at 7.30 p.m. on the first Sunday. The third Sunday will be without services, when the Vicar will be serving the Jarvie section.

BARRHEAD

THE REV. JOHN H. LOW, Vicar

Most of our parishioners come from the country. The late and difficult harvest held us back this fall and we looked forward to better attendance, but now the snow has choked the roads and made travelling a new problem. However, we are depending upon the good souls battling their way through. Here's a reminder that the services are at 10 o'clock on the first Sunday—the monthly Holy Communion. We do hope that this service will be well-attended, for to miss one month makes your Communion far too rare. Evensong is on every second and fourth Sunday at 8 p.m.

The St. Mary's W.A., under the able presidency of Mrs. Noel Parsons, has done very well for so small a branch. Both Dorcas and Social Service Departments have carried on their good work and now we can report a successful bazaar on November 21st.

JARVIE

THE REV. JOHN H. LOW, Vicar

The congregation at Christ Church has recently lined the church and thus it is greatly improved and much warmer. Only meeting once a month a parish is hard put to keep up its enthusiasm, but good work in the past and the recent visits of the Rev. S. G. West has bred a loyalty which makes this most northerly parish of the Diocese a promising cause.

Services will now be regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. The Vicar has arranged to be absent from his other territory on that Sunday so that travelling by train he can guarantee to be at church and not be dependent upon the rather doubtful roads.

Sunday, October 25th the Bishop confirmed 10 candidates before a large congregation.

The Women's Guild of Christ Church, Jarvie, held a reception after the service for the Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot. The Bishop announced that the Rev. S. G. West, Travelling Priest, would henceforth relinquish the care of the parish of Jarvie to the Rev. J. Low of Barrhead, since the shortage of clergy necessitates his taking care of the Coal Branch.

ATHABINA

October 24th a very fine Harvest Supper was held in the Athabina Community Hall, followed next day by Service of Harvest Thanksgiving at which practically the whole community was present. This district has volunteered every able man available to the King's Forces, and is carrying on with stout spirit. Mixed denominationally, the people all turn out for service.

FAWCETT

Harvest Thanksgiving was held at Fawcett, October 25th, with a fair attendance. The school was very well decorated by Miss Elsie Norris and Mrs. Norris. The Sunday School is being continued vigorously by the former.

KITSCOTY

On Sunday, November 8th, at Kitscoty, Muriel and Peggy Hale were confirmed by the Bishop in St. John's Church.

BLACKFOOT

On Sunday, November 8th, at 3 p.m. the Bishop solemnly dedicated St. Mark's Church, Blackfoot, for the worship of God. The Rev. S. G. West, Mr. P. Templeman and Mr. Haight presented the petition. St. Mark's is a very interesting church since it is built mostly out of two old Barr Colonist churches, and in that way perpetuates their use. A concrete foundation and basement, and a large porch and vestry have helped to make a very worthy building. So far about \$250.00 has been raised, still leaving the church with considerable debt which is being tackled by the vestry.

A Sunday School has been started with Mr. Haight as Superintendent.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. L. A. BRALANT, Rector

I am sure I may be forgiven for writing a personal word first this month. It is one of thanks to the people of the Wainwright Mission and to a host of other friends in Edmonton and elsewhere. The sudden arrival of my fiancée from England necessitated an immediate trip to Edmonton and rushing of plans for our marriage. Both Mrs. Bralant and myself were overwhelmed with the affection and kindness shown by so many and we hope all will accept our deepest appreciation through the medium of the "Church Messenger." Perhaps a word of special thanks is due to the friends at Christ Church, Edmonton, who at such short notice combined to make our marriage service one of beautiful and lasting memory. We prayerfully hope that we may repay this kindness by our joint service in this Diocese.

All organizations in the mission are now in full swing and we hope the work put in during the winter months will prove fruitful, especially among the young. The Advent Season with its note of urgency will be upon us as we read this. Our task today is as St. Paul's to "call upon all men everywhere to repent," for "now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation." Do not let us put off our response to God's loving call but hear Him now and obey Him. There's so much to be done, and the realization of our failure to meet the spiritual situation is constantly borne in upon us. We must give more time to prayer, study of the Bible and the tenets of our Faith, and practice daily those things which we would preach to others. Advent will afford opportunities for all these things if we allow nothing else to obtrude. We must beware lest the unimportant things of life crowd out the essentials. Worldly pleasures and sports must take a second place in our calculations if we are to be God's instruments in winning back to Himself a lost world.

To Mrs. Sutherland we extend Christian sympathy in the loss of her baby, on November 16th. "Jesus called a little child."

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

THE REV. H. J. JONES

A Confirmation Service was held in St. Matthew's Church on Thursday, October 29th, at 7 p.m.

We were very pleased to have the Bishop down to officiate at the service. His inspiring talk to the candidates presented will be long remembered by them.

Eight candidates came for Confirmation, seven of these coming from Rodino.

The Bishop and the Rev. H. J. Jones went out to Rodino before the service and visited some of the people there. This visit was very much appreciated. After the service a social hour was spent in the hall, at which the parishioners were able to meet the Bishop.

Several of our members have been on the sick list, but we are pleased to report that they are feeling better.

The annual bazaar was held in the hall on Saturday, October 31st. It was a very successful affair, and the members of the W.A. are grateful for the generous support given them.

On November 11th the marriage of Verna Louill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Meredith, to Mr. F. T. Reed took place.

Verna has a most charming personality, and has a large circle of friends who wish her a long life of wedded happiness. The Rev. H. J. Jones officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Revill, an ardent supporter of the church at Rodino, has a little son, born at the hospital.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. H. J. JONES

The Senior W.A. met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Allan on November 5th with seven members present. After the customary devotional, reports, etc., business was attended to. It was decided to pay the balance of the Apportionment for the year.

The Social Service Secretary reported a good collection of articles to date, with more promised at the meeting, and anticipated forwarding same within the month.

On Wednesday, October 28th, at 8 p.m., Bishop Barfoot conducted a Confirmation Service. Seven candidates were presented by Rev. H. J. Jones. They were Mrs. Weatherill and daughter Betty, Marjorie and Ralph Bailey; Miriam Seale; Lorna Swinton and Buddy Sinclair. It was a very impressive service and the Bishop's direct and appealing message to the younger members so refreshed the memories of the older members and strengthened the vows made by them in former years. We were glad to welcome our Bishop at an informal reception in the hall at the close of the service and were happy to have him in our midst.

Services have been held regularly here. A short Congregational Meeting was held at the close of Morning Prayer on November 15th. The chief item of business being the necessity of repairing and obtaining new parts for the gas furnace. The cost of this was estimated at forty dollars. Fifteen dollars was offered at the meeting towards the expense and it was hoped to clear the balance from the general fund.

Monthly financial statements are placed on the bulletin board by the Vestry Secretary and we commend these to your attention. They are very interesting and we wish to express our thanks to all who assisted towards clearing the back debt and we hope to start the New Year with a clean sheet. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. G. Edwards slipped on the ice recently and broke her right arm above the wrist, also that Miss E. Barden and Mrs. Russell have been hospital patients. We trust that ere long they will be restored to health again.

Mr. W. C. Lancaster, of Lindbrook, enlisted in the Canadian Active Army on November 13th. We shall miss him at church and wish him good luck and God-speed in his new undertakings.

The Church Messenger subscriptions for 1943 are now due. Will present and new subscribers keep this in mind as the Messenger Secretary is anxious to send the returns into Edmonton immediately.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON; ST. PATRICK'S, HEATH

THE REV. A. A. COURT

Realizing the urgent need for religious education—for adults as well as children—two senior study groups have recently been formed. Following introductory lessons, both groups will commence weekly studies of the Old Testament, and it is hoped that the present enthusiastic thirst for knowledge will not wane. The book "The Life and Growth of Israel," by Mercer will be used, and it is felt by all concerned that it will be of invaluable assistance. Whilst on the subject of education, it is gratifying to know that our Padre is continuing the religious instruction classes each week at the school to grades five to nine inclusive. These classes were started last year, and have been found very helpful.

We gratefully acknowledge the sum of five dollars from the E.C.D. Fund, and it is proposed to add this to a sum already on hand for the purchase of a new Font.

Due to bad weather and road conditions, Services at Rosemoyne have been discontinued for the Winter months.

The W.A. held another pleasant and successful card party at the Parish Hall in mid-November, and a new method of invitation which was given a trial proved to be a great improvement, as it meant having all tables filled.

The men of the congregation recently loaded 39 tons of scrap iron for the salvage committee, thereby swelling our exchequer by \$39. Their hard work as well as the money, is appreciated by all.

On "Stir Up" Sunday the sermon our Rector delivered was most stimulating, and really should urge us on to much greater self-improvement—which is so vital a need, in these days particularly—and it is a pity that the congregation was not up to its usual standard.

The long looked for visit of the Bishop will have materialized before we next go to press, but we are quite certain that the two other points he will visit from here, Heath and Chauvin, will derive as much pleasure as we shall from his presence amongst us.

The Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

THE VEN. W. LEVERSEDGE

The members of St. Saviour's congregation were happy to have the opportunity of welcoming Mrs. Barfoot, who was a guest at the Rectory, over the week end of November 7th. The Bishop returned to Vermilion from his visit to the Kitscoty Mission on Sunday evening, and gave the address at the Annual Armistice Day Services. On the morning of the 8th Mrs. Barfoot together with Mrs. Leverledge and the Archdeacon, visited the Training Centre of the C.W.A.C., and assisted in the distribution of copies of the New Testament, a gift of the Bible Society to all enlisted members of the Forces.

Following the Armistice Service, a pleasant social hour was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Heckbert, with Ex-Service Men, and their wives.

A great many "Do you remember" yarns were told by the men, and it must be admitted that the ladies seemed to find topics of interest also.

The visit of Miss Ruth Carruthers was also a highlight in the life of the parish. On Sunday morning in company with the Chaplain, she attended the Parade Service at the Training Centre, and gave a thoughtful address to those assembled. In the afternoon the weather changed, and by time for evening service, snow was blowing and drifting in such a manner as to make walking a difficulty. However, those present much appreciated her address, and we regret that many more were hindered from being present. Better luck, next time.

The W.A. catered for a banquet tendered by the Masonic Order to the Sergeants of the C.W.A.C. recently, and are busy now with preparations for their Annual Sale of Needlework, etc., which is to be held on December 4th, next.

The annual rally of the Little Helpers was held at the home of Mrs. Lambert on Thursday, November 19th. Ten Little Helpers gathered for this happy party.

The regular order of Service was adhered to, followed by a short talk by the Ven. Archdeacon Leversedge on Mission work in China.

Lunch, always a big event for the children, was served. After which many jolly games were played.

Thanks are due Mrs. Lambert, the parochial secretary, for her interest and work with the children.

THE CLANDONALD MISSION

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE, Vicar

St. Mary's, Clondonald—On Sunday, November 15th, we were pleased to welcome the Vicar of Manville (the Rev. S. J. Bell) who conducted the morning service. We were sorry that the weather took a sudden turn for the worse keeping many people at home. Our own Vicar was stranded at Manville and did not get back to Clondonald until Tuesday morning.

The W.A. are to be commended on their very successful Chicken Supper held on November 7th. As a result they are able to relieve the harassed vestry by paying off the balance of the Apportionment, the Clergy Pensions Premium, and the Vicarage taxes. Well done!

The officers of the A.Y.P.A. were installed by the Vicar as Chaplain at Evensong, on November 22nd. They are: President, Allan G. Mackenzie; Vice-President, Sue Dorey and Secretary-Treasurer, Joan Harrington.

The Vicar's Advent Sermons were begun on the Sunday before Advent to allow for a Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas. This year the general subject is "The Catholic Church" with reference to its origin, sacraments, formularies and ministry.

St. Mary's, Landonville—It is a matter of regret that our two last services had to be cancelled, due presumably to the late harvest which is said to necessitate Sunday threshing. Since the heavy

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snowstorm the roads have been blocked but it is hoped that services will recommence on December 6th.

Holy Trinity, Irwinville—The weekly services which were instituted early in the Spring seem to have been amply justified. Congregations have been good and have included some families who formerly attend Christ Church, Tring, which was closed last fall.

We were also glad to welcome the Rev. S. J. Bell but hope that next time he comes the weather will be kinder.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANVILLE

Since our last notes to the Messenger we have had the pleasure of a visit from the Venerable Archdeacon Tackaberry October 25th. The Archdeacon took part in the Celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church, 10 a.m. He also preached at St. Helen's, Stellaville, Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m., and again at St. Mary's, Vegreville, Harvest Thanksgiving, 7.30 p.m. Following the service at Vegreville, the Archdeacon spoke to the congregation on the financial situation in the parish, and agreed to help the Wardens carry out a canvass in the near future. The congregations at the three centres appreciated the Archdeacon's visit and his helpful addresses. The vicar (who was driving) the Archdeacon, and some members of the Christ Church Choir were involved in a car accident on the way to Vegreville, but escaped injury. We also had a visit, November 15th, from the Rev. F. A. Peake, Vicar of Clandonald. Unfortunately this was the Sunday of the snow storm. Mr. Peake travelled to Wilberforce, but the congregation had assumed that the weather was too bad for anyone to get there. Mr. Peake then got almost to Chailey, but had to turn back. Finally he was able to conduct the evening service at Manville, where despite the weather, a good many people attended. We hope Mr. Peake will be able to pay another visit when weather is more favorable.

The Girls' Auxiliary is busy from week to week. The girls have taken a large number of orders for Christmas cards. They have just finished a patch work quilt, a very fine piece of work, and the first attempt. This is to be sent, with other articles, to our Indian Mission at Frog Lake. A supper meeting, which was also the occasion of the first birthday of the Auxiliary, was held at the Vicarage November 19th. Letters were read from members who have left us for the city since last year. The missionary study book is being read and much enjoyed.

The Senior Branch of the W.A. are holding their Annual Sale of Work and Tea on Saturday afternoon, December 5th.

The Choir, under Mrs. Arnold's able direction, is continuing the regular practices. It is planned to have the Carol Service Sunday, December 21st.

The Sunday School is gaining in interest through the Teachers' Training Class, and the preparation of class material for the juniors.

Weddings—St. Alban's, Chailey: November 6th, Francis Paul Saint and Isabel Rose Penwarne.

The bride is a step-daughter of the late Rev. E. H. Webb, former minister at Chailey, and daughter of Mrs. Webb, now of Edmonton.

St. Helen's, Stellaville: November 14th, Albert Henry Van den Dolder, and Ida Ovedia Marie Emsland. Miss Emsland had been baptized and confirmed in St. Helen's.

We understand this is the first time that anyone has been baptized, confirmed and married in this church.

HOLY TRINITY, SODA LAKE

The vicar travelled to Vegreville by car and to Soda Lake by train to officiate at the wedding of James Elmer Jewell, and Ruth Nettie Boutillier. The bride is a grand daughter of Mr. A. M. Boutillier, and Mrs. Boutillier, well known residents of the Soda Lake district.

Mr. Boutillier is a member of the Guild of Lay Readers, and conducts regular services at Holy Trinity.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the wedding, and the reception following. The young couple left for a honeymoon trip by car. They will reside at Spring Creek, some eight miles from Soda Lake.

The vicar enjoyed his visit to the Soda Lake district, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Boutillier.

GLENDON

Remembrance Day Services were held in the Glendon Community Hall, under auspices of the Glendon Branch of the Canadian Legion, on Sunday afternoon, November 15th. The speaker was Rev. S. G. West, Travelling Priest for the Diocese of Edmonton. Owing to the severe snow storm at the time the attendance was very small. Mr. West used as his text, part of Matt. 20-22: "Are ye able to drink of that cup that I shall drink of?"

The Rev. Theodore Bergee of the Glendon Lutheran Church and the Therien Parish Priest were also expected to be present and take part in the services but Mr. Bergee was prevented by a prior engagement at Vilna and the Parish Priest was unable to attend because of weather conditions.

The next service at Glendon will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 20th, at which parishioners will take their Christmas Communion.

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Rural Deanery of Metaskiwin

CAMROSE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

On Sunday 8th, November, we had a Remembrance Day Service, when the Legion of Frontiersmen and Air Cadets paraded to church. When it was over, people could be heard ejaculating "What a wonderful Service!" The writer of these notes would find it difficult to pick out any one part of the service, suffice it to say that it had a deeper significance than of yore. You see, some of our own lads have paid the Supreme Sacrifice, and the singing of the "Recessional" was more reverent than lusty.

Our Rector spoke of Bill Cramer, Jerry Hawkes, Emery Norvick, Merlin Solheim, Arthur Moore.

Some had been directly connected with our church, other were well known and liked. Their loved ones we commended to God. Young Stuart Bailey played the "Last Post", and Tom East was in charge of the Cadets.

The Choir sang Blake's "Jerusalem"; Mr. W. F. Grafton singing the Solo.

One evening recently we were privileged to see some very beautiful pictures in natural color photography. The crowd was rather small but most enthusiastic. Thank you, Mr. Grafton.

Miss Jessie Maglis sang Solos, very sweetly, and the Fawcett twins, Nina and Serina, sang Brahms Lullaby and the "Sidewalks of New York." They are four years old, so you can imagine the dearness of them!

The church has a friend who is always doing or making things which will help. This month we thank him for book shelves; one for the congregational hymn books, and one for the Choir.

By the way, we enjoy the new "Women's Page", only we thought there would be a rush of contributions and did not send.

Wednesday, 25th November, meant a visit from the Rev. Harding Priest. All our Sunday School teachers, a few A.Y.P.A. members, and one or two interested people turned out to hear him speak.

Really, all parents should have been there. What he said was vitally important, not only to the church, but to family life, to youth, to the world, and most of all to their allegiance to Jesus Christ, and it must start in the midst of the family. The saying of Grace at every meal, makes eating a Sacrament; reading the Bible; speaking of Christ in a natural way and living out His teachings. German youth extol the wonders of their leader, why are we so shy of speaking of our Captain!

By the time this "Messenger" is out, Christmas will soon be here. These are some words from a Scrapbook—

"Dark brooded fear o'er the land, Oppression's pitiless hand crushed and degraded the weak; Full of horror and woe, the old world was expiring, Justice and Mercy desiring; Hope had fled from the meek:

When, far above the cries of hate and desperation,

Rose a voice full of power, strong, clear, and silver-sweet;

And there the Saviour stands, 'mid the earth's desolation,

His words draw all men to His Feet.
Hov'ring around the Master, in Heaven's blue vault are soaring

The angels, chanting loud and clear their sweet song:

O blessed is He, who now is pouring
Sweet hope into hearts dark with fear."

May you all have a Happy Christmas. Keep hopeful; this is no time to be cynical. Our men and boys are fighting—some of them dying—to keep the sacred things of life in our midst—the Christmas Babe, the small Son talking to the Doctors, the Man of Nazareth moving with gracious dignity, preaching Love in the place of Hate; the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Keep your hearts open, aye even though they ache. God bless you all. He is able to keep your loved ones in perfect safety until the "day breaks, and the shadows flee away."

Baptisms—November 8th: Douglas Nolan Blades; Keith Toule.

Marriage—Richard Anton Foss to Nelsie Anna Barons, November 14th.

Burial—November 23rd: Mrs. James Moore (Harriet Shepard Moore), Ohaton.



A Happy Christmas to all Our Readers



THE WOMEN'S PAGE

Editor: Edith Peace

HATS

"To wear, or not to wear.
That is the question."

So the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have publicly stated that a woman does not have to wear a hat in Church. It really looks as though St. Paul has at last been over-ruled, and our emancipation made almost complete.

They say that when the day of freedom dawned for the slaves in America, many preferred to remain as slaves on the plantations with the owners they had grown to love. I think we'll stay with our bonnets, thank you very kindly, sirs. We might remove them in the Parish Hall, but I honestly believe that most of us would much prefer to wear them in Church. The family used to poke fun at us whenever we had a new Easter bonnet, and accuse us of coming into Church late, or of coughing loudly to attract attention. We took their banter in good part. Church is the only place where some of us are able to show off the latest model. Think of the poor milliners if hats were not worn in Church! I'm sure they would be ruined. But, what a harvest for the beauty salons! No longer could we tuck our wayward curls under our hats when friend husband is honking on the car, and calling us to "hurry up." Every hair would have to be in place. Maybe we'd have to park our hats under the pew until the service was over, or hang them on a hook in front of us. And then, no mirror when it came time to put our bonnets on again! No, thank you all the same, but if you don't mind we'll keep on wearing hats in Church.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Looking back upon the November Meeting. It was a very full meeting, and we are delighted to have our Patroness with us. Both the Life Membership and the afternoon presentation of an entree dish were happy features of the day, and Ruth Carruthers was an inspiration. Those of us who knew her as a young girl could not help feeling proud, as though she belonged somehow to Edmonton. What a wonderful thing it would be for this Diocese if we could have someone like her travelling around from place to place, helping, inspiring, and guiding the many groups of women and girls scattered throughout the Diocese, and perhaps helping with the work of our Sunday School children!

I wonder if it would be possible to gather some of our reports beforehand, and have them printed in some way that would not cost too much? No one can hope to understand a financial statement unless she has the figures in front of her, and these can be taken back for branch discussion. Also it would save a great deal of time, and we do seem to have so much business at every Quarterly Board. It would mean more work for the Secretary, preparing these statements, but I am sure it

will result in a better understanding of the reports. This would not prevent the Secretaries from speaking about their reports, if they felt an explanation was needed. Just a suggestion.

BUYING WIVES

For those who seem to think missionary work is almost a thing of the past, the following story speaks for itself. Buying wives is the hobby of a Catholic missionary stationed in the Bathurst Islands, Australia. He says he has been buying wives for 23 years. I believe I have more than anyone in the world. My total a few weeks ago was 141, 20 of whom have died. Each cost me \$10. This peculiar occupation commenced in 1914 when among the aboriginal savages an old aborigine claimed a 10-year-old mission girl as his wife. Marriages among those aborigines are arranged in infancy. To prevent this girl from passing into the hands of this old savage the missionary spread out \$10 worth of knives, flour, tobacco, and other delicacies, and the husband accepted the offer. From that time on the missionary has been buying infant girls who would otherwise fall under this cruel custom.

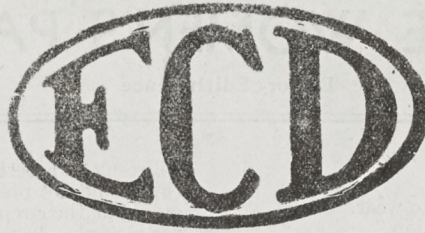
Christmas is less than four weeks away, and there is so much to do. Christmas Day falls on a Friday, so there will be three days when the stores will be closed, and we must prepare accordingly. It will not be a true Christmas spirit, with vacant chairs in so many homes, and the ugly background of this terrible war. I think every woman who calls herself Christian should take a very definite stand on the drink question this Christmas. The government is more concerned with revenue than with our lives and happiness, and its lack of decision and leadership in this matter which so vitally affects the homes of each one of us is a terrible indictment of our much-vaunted democracy.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all "A Very Happy Christmas," and ask you to join with me in the prayer that the Song of the Angels, "Glory to God on the Highest," may fill our hearts, and the hearts of all mankind, and that another Christmas may find the world at peace.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Dudyke, Lea Park. Thank you for your lovely letter. It was most encouraging. Thank you, also for your suggestion that through our cents, nickels and dimes, we should establish a re-building fund to help with the restoration of the bombed churches of Britain, and that such contributions could be put in a sealed tin, marked, "To Raise Again." I would be glad to hear what other readers think of this suggestion.

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